



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2017

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Western Suburbs League Club (Campbelltown) Ltd I present this report for 2017.

The Macarthur Region continues to grow at a surprising rate, with new land releases being announced, the second airport no longer a promise and a strategic plan for population growth along our rail corridor being but a few examples. While this growth bodes well for our Group of Clubs, it will also attract others to establish entertainment and dining venues in the Region. The Board and Management of Wests are aware of the challenges ahead and will continue to provide members and their guests with a Club experience that both pleases and excites.

Planning continues on various options to expand services and provide new experiences for members and their guests to Wests Leagues Club.

As members and their guests to the Country Club Gledswood Hills can attest, significant upgrade works have been completed at the venue during the 2017 year with further additions and refurbishment to happen through 2018. The Board's Strategic Plan provides for continued development of this site through the coming years. We thank our members for their understanding during these construction stages and thank Dallas and her staff for their assistance and contribution to another great year at the Country Club Gledswood Hills.

Lakeside Golf Course Camden is going through a staged reconfiguring and upgrade. These works are being carried out under the supervision of our Course Superintendent Dean Hopper. We thank Dean and his dedicated team for their efforts through this period and see the steady growth in playing membership as testament to their efforts. A thank you also to Club Captain Dean Pitman, Vice Captain Peter Coles and Golf Committee members, Lyn Hall, Gordon Price, Brian Geerin, Hugh Leicester, John Mills. Your contribution to the detail required to properly administer golf operations is very much appreciated by this Board and golf club members. To Ron, his bar and kitchen staff, the golf shop crew, well done and many thanks for your effort through the year.

The Tennis Club struggles as a licensed venue but the Board is committed to the continued support of tennis and are conscious of this in any discussions relating to the future of the site. Campbelltown Councils Master Planning for the Leumeah precinct and the before mentioned rail corridor strategy will be instrumental in any future development decisions. The Boards thanks Craig Barrett, Col Rose, Michael Jackson and Brian Morris of the Tennis Sub Committee for their contribution to local tennis through the year.

During the year, a sum in excess of three million dollars was approved by the Board to provide financial support, some of this funding via the Wests Sports Council, to some twenty eight sporting. Other contributions are made towards sporting facilities and worthy community groups. This is in line with our stated aim to be the “Home of Sport” and make participation in sport affordable for all, especially the youth of the Macarthur Region. We thank the Wests Sports Management Committee and Wests Sports Council members Julie Foster, Anne Fairhall, Tony Norton, Les Welbourn, Colin Rose, and Jan Hinks for their continued support and contribution to local sport. Particular thanks to Tony Norton in his capacity as the Clubs Sports Ambassador.

I thank my fellow Directors for their support and assistance through the year. Their commitment and contribution to Board Meetings and various Committee’s including Finance, Risk, Audit & Compliance, Property & Development, Sports Management, Membership and Golf Advisory, as well as the many functions requiring attendance. Their commitment ensures Wests is a progressive and financially healthy Club, now and through the coming years.

The Board’s congratulations and thanks go to Chief Executive Officer Tony Mathew and Chief Operating Officer Daniel Grady and the Management Team for another good result and we look forward to working with you in 2018. The result achieved this year required considerable commitment both in time and effort, so again thank you. Karen Hansen – Executive Assistant, Leanne Craig – Human Resource Manager, Brent Krause – Security & Compliance Manager, Shannon Forster – Marketing Manager, Kim Doherty – Member Rewards Manager, Wade McKinnon – Customer Service Manager, Simon McNamara – Group Food And Beverage Manager, Graham Krueger – Executive Chef, Mel Papallo – Maintenance Manager, Adam Laws – Facilities Manager, Dallas Borg – Club Manager – Country Club Gledswood Hills, Ron Thomas – Club Manager – Lakeside Golf Club Camden and Dean Hopper – Golf Course Superintendent.

I believe we have the reputation of being the “friendly club” and this can only be attributed to those who receive and serve our members and their guests. To you, the floor staff and all those in back of house, thank you for again for your contribution to another successful year for West Group Macarthur and may we all enjoy the year ahead.

In conclusion I thank you the members for your support and patronage through 2017 and wish you good health through 2018 and beyond.

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