



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008

Dear Members,

It is a pleasure that I present to you the 34th annual report of Rockdale RSL Sub-branch Club Limited for 2008.

Your Club has had a very successful year and has returned a profit for the first time in a number of years. This is an extremely pleasing result during a period in which the club industry overall continues to operate in a difficult and turbulent times, and the global economic downturn bites into our local economy. I will comment in more detail on our financial results at the Annual General Meeting in April; however I will say that it is the Board's intentions to continue to provide services and amenities to you at the lowest possible cost.

Our Secretary Manager Bill Campbell, his management team and staff have done an outstanding job in containing expenses, whilst maintaining service and launching new and innovative promotions to provide the best possible value for our members.

During the year, the Board decided on a new approach to our catering services, which has seen a revitalization of our Bistro under the control of the 'Two Henry's'. This has proven to be a great success, and there will be further new and exciting changes to our catering in the new year. Pop in and sample the extensive menu and say hello – I am certain you will be pleasantly surprised.

Our holiday cottages situated at Port Stephens and Forster continue to receive great patronage, and in this current environment, offers a low cost holiday venue for our members.

I would like to thank my fellow Directors for the hard, and sometimes thankless, work they have done during the year. They have shown great fortitude in making some difficult decisions in hard times. Supported loyally and enthusiastically by Bill Campbell and his team, the results have reflected and vindicated those decisions, and I personally thank them all. Our auditor, Paul de Maria, and solicitor John Walsh, continues to give sound and logical advice and I thank them both.

Finally, to you the member – I thank you for your support during the year and look forward to seeing you all during 2009.

Andrew P. Dale
President and Chairman of the Board



Secretary Manager's Report

Members,

Despite the restrictions placed on the club industry by the NSW Government and the global economic turmoil of the last six (6) months, I am pleased to inform you that your club has reversed the trend of past years' and returned a profit for the year ending 31st December 2008.

Gaming:

We are constantly upgrading our games to give players their choice of the newest machines available. An increase of \$307,956.00 in takings shows how successful having an outdoor smoking area has been. An application is currently with the council to extend that area.

General Expenses:

There has been a reduction of \$230,261.00 from last year, which was achieved without having to greatly reduce benefits provided to members.

I thank the directors for placing their faith in me to control the club's operations.

To Christine, Bill, Jennean, Denise, Natasa and Duty Managers Mick, Steve, John, Paul and, all other staff thank you for your support and loyalty during some trying times.

A big thank you to Henry (Snr. And Jnr.) and all your offsidiers; the Bay Rock Bistro under your control has been a great success and you have regained patrons lost over the last couple of years.

To all members, thank you for your continued support.

Bill Campbell
Secretary Manager

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Board of Directors open Monday 2nd March 2009 and close at 5.00 p.m. Friday 13th March 2009.

Voting:

Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Saturday 21st March 2009
Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th March 2009
12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. each day



ROCKDALE RSL SUB-BRANCH CLUB LIMITED

Core and Non Core Properties

Core Properties

Lot 10 Catalina Close Nelson Bay
18 Rigney Street Shoal Bay
7 Palm Street Tuncurry

Non Core Properties

8/10 Chapel Street Rockdale
7/10 Chapel Street Rockdale
15/10 Chapel Street Rockdale
17/10 Chapel Street Rockdale
8/19 The Strand Rockdale
10/19 The Strand Rockdale
41 Bay Street Rockdale