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Dear Member,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017. Importantly, it contains commentary on the Club's 2016 Financial Statement, outlines the nomination process for election as a Director of the Club, sets out our observances of ANZAC Day, provides Notice of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, a special *Bistro* dining offer and much, much more.

As a reminder, if your 2016 membership is not renewed by **31 March**, it must be cancelled. Please see page 18 if you need to renew.

The new year has started on a positive note for the Club. We welcome **Ian Doherty** as the Club's new General Manager and **Angela Hamilton** as one of our Bar Supervisors. We hope we have made members of the former Rugby Club welcome to an alternate venue and record our appreciation to the Rugby Club's Directors and staff who helped us relocate numerous items of furniture and equipment to their new home at the *Barracks*.

We have relaunched the ***Barracks Restaurant*** and the ***Barracks Bistro*** for 2017, with exciting new food options and, in response to member feedback, more modern-Australian menu items and pricing choices. Our catering team of **Jason and Susan Bygrave** is receiving positive acclaim - so we now suggest you reserve a table!

Mary (*Restaurant*) and Elma (*Bistro*, where you now order meals from the bar) look forward to greeting you regularly for lunch in their respective domains. Jason and Susan also cater for **functions** of all types, at any time, in either recently modernised level.

Please take a few moments to consider the content of this newsletter, as it is critically important to our ongoing success and RSL heritage that we each continue to maximise our support for the Club.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: APRIL-MAY 2017

Friday 14 April: Good Friday – Club Closed

Monday 17 April: Easter Monday – Club Closed

Tuesday 18 April: Nominations for election as a Club Director* close

Friday 21 April: Club/RSL sub-Branch Reunion and March to the Cenotaph

[Club Members and visitors are invited to ‘form-up’, under the RSL sub-Branch Marshall’s guidance, **immediately after *The Ode* is recited**, across the street in York Lane. We then march together as one body, with music provided by Burwood RSL sub-Branch Pipes and Drums, to the Cenotaph for commemoration and wreath-laying.

Traffic management for this event is provided by NSW Police Force, so our safety remains paramount. Following our return to the Club, participants are invited to join Club and RSL sub-Branch officials and members in the Restaurant area for refreshments, entertainment and our renowned conviviality].

Sunday 23 April: Combined Services RSL sub-Branch/9th Division 2nd AIF Commemorative Service at the Garrison Church.

[Club Members are welcome to join us at the Garrison Church, in the Rocks from **11:00am** for this annual event. Refreshments are provided at its conclusion at the nearby *Hero of Waterloo* Hotel].

Tuesday 25 April: ANZAC Day* – Club opens at **5:00am**

Thursday 27 April: RSL sub-Branch Quarterly GM at **11:30am**

Tuesday 16 May: Club Annual General Meeting# at **6:15pm**

Wednesday 31 May: NRL *State of Origin* Game 1* - we’re on it!

* See separate information pages/# Notice of Meeting

ANZAC DAY 2017

The Club will open at **5:00am**, with drinks service in the main bar and breakfast available in the *Bistro*. For speed of service, most beverages will be served in plastic glasses, with draught beer prices rounded (for everyone, including Club and RSL Members) to \$7.00 (standard), \$6.50 (light) and \$8.00 (premium beers/cider).

A special *Barracks Breakfast* will be available in the *Bistro* for \$15.00 and a limited range of other food choices will be offered. Members of Combined Services RSL sub-Branch can obtain a voucher for one complimentary *Barracks Breakfast* upon presentation of their current RSL membership card to a Committee member. All food orders (including RSL sub-Branch vouchers) should be placed at the *Bistro bar*, from where a token(s) for the respective item(s) will be issued.



Services and the Sydney March will be televised throughout the Club. Lunch service will be provided in the *Bistro* from 11:30am and bookings for our special \$42 *Restaurant* meal are filling quickly!

The Club will remain open after *The Ode* is recited at 6:00pm and will be closed at the Bar Manager's discretion, subject to business levels and customer behaviour. N.B. '*Pokies*' can't be started until 10:00am.

Kindly remember that the Club and its staff are subject to various regulatory constraints, including *Responsible Service of Alcohol*, whenever our doors are open.

COMBINED SERVICES RSL CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD
2017 ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTION NOTICE

The Board has appointed Philip Binns, an Independent Returning Officer, as Returning Officer for the election of nine (9) members to the Board of Combined Services RSL Club Co-Operative Limited.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be invited on and from Tuesday, 28 March 2017 for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President (Ex-Service)
- Honorary Treasurer
- Directors (6 to be elected in total)
 - Ex-Service (At least 1)
 - Social (Up to 5)

Nomination forms and Candidate Profile forms will be available from the General Manager of the Club or from the Returning Officer, telephone 043 221 8026, from Tuesday 28 March 2017.

Nominations must be in writing, signed by the candidate and at least two (2) other members of the Club eligible to nominate in accordance with the Constitution of the Club.

All candidates and nominators must be financial members of the Club as at the Close of Nominations, at **5.00 pm, Tuesday 18 April 2017**, and must have been financial members for at least one (1) continuous year prior to their nomination. No candidate may be a member of the Board of another RSL Club.

Candidates for the position of Vice President and at least 3 of the remaining Board members shall at all times be full members of the Co-operative, who are also Ordinary members of the Combined Services RSL Sub-Branch of the RSL Australia NSW State Branch.

Candidates for the other positions may be either Life, Ex-Service or Social members.

Candidates for the positions of Treasurer and Ex-Service Director must have been nominated by 2 Ex-Service or Life members. Candidates for Social Director must have been nominated by 2 Ex-Service and/or Life and/or Social members.

Candidates must agree to fulfil the mandatory training requirements for Directors.

LODGEMENT OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer by no later than 5.00 pm, Tuesday 18 April 2017.

A nomination cannot be withdrawn after this time and any defect must be rectified before this time.

Nominations may be lodged:

by post: PO Box 42 KINGSGROVE NSW 1480; or

by fax: (02) 9150 7662.

Should more than the required number of nominations be received a draw will be conducted to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot paper at the Returning Officer's Office at 6.00 pm, Tuesday 18 April 2017. Candidates or their representatives are invited to witness the draw, and should contact the Returning Officer for further details if they intend to attend.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Candidates must submit a passport style photograph of themselves and a Candidate Profile form with the Nomination form. The information supplied will be displayed at the Club, and posted with the ballot papers.

VOTING

Voting will be conducted by way of a postal ballot of all eligible members.

If an election is required, ballot papers will be posted to all eligible members on Monday 24 April 2017. Eligible members who are financial as at Tuesday 18 April 2017 will be entitled to vote.

The ballot will close at 6.00 pm on Friday 12 May 2017. A reply paid envelope addressed to the Returning Officer will be supplied with each ballot paper. Ballot papers must be received by the Returning Officer by this time.

The voting method will be First Past the Post using numbers. Members must vote for the exact number to be elected in each ballot. The votes will be counted at the Club commencing at 7.00 pm on Friday 12 May 2017.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 6:15 pm on Tuesday 16 May 2017 (see separate Notice of Meeting).

Any enquiries concerning this election should be directed to the Returning Officer, on telephone 043 221 8026.

Philip Binns
Independent Returning Officer

(End of Notice)



Yes, we have listened to your feedback!

Foxtel has moderated its pricing packages and we have now increased the number of Foxtel channels that we can have showing at the same time.

So get set, bring your mates, and watch our expanded range of Foxtel programmes covering your favourite sporting code(s).

We are also investigating a breakthrough technology solution that will enable you to listen to the audio accompanying your selected TV programme, discreetly among your group. Stay tuned!

BARRACKS BISTRO

TRY OUR “*BRING A MATE*” MEAL DEALS,
AVAILABLE UNTIL 31 MAY 2017:

(1) ANY TWO ‘BUDGET BUSTERS’ ITEMS WITH
FOUR SCHOONERS OF STANDARD TAP BEER
\$40

(2) ANY TWO BURGERS, MAINS OR SALADS WITH
FOUR SCHOONERS OF STANDARD TAP BEER
\$50

(RSA applies; Barracks Gift Vouchers welcome; offer may be withdrawn at any time and is available during standard *Bistro* lunchtime hours; a soft drink may be optionally substituted for one or more beer(s); menu ‘extras’ are charged at normal price).

Visit the *Barracks Bistro* menu webpage at
<http://www.barracksonbarrack.com.au/bistro-menu/>

COMBINED SERVICES RSL CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD **2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The fully-detailed Financial Statement is not included with the printed version of this newsletter. It is available in the Club from Level 2, via our website (at the *About Us* tab) or it can be mailed to you upon request by writing a letter to us, sending an email to info@barracksonbarrack.com.au or by telephoning us on (02) 9299 3688 – and then select option 1.

In summary, we recorded a net loss of \$168,352.10 for 2016. In comparative terms, after allowance for the proceeds of insurance claims totalling over \$106,000 relating to the May 2015 main bar ceiling collapse, our 2016 result reflected an improvement of about 34% over that recorded for 2015. Importantly, we achieved slightly positive cashflow, notwithstanding the absence of catering services (and associated beverage sales) for the majority of the past year.

Since last communicating to everyone, the Board resolved late in 2016 to appoint Mr Theo Papas, CPA, F Fin, JP as a Director, in the capacity of the Club's Honorary Treasurer. Theo runs an accountancy and taxation practice nearby in Kent Street and has certainly 'hit the ground running' as we moved into the (Club's) new financial year from 1 January.

On separate pages in this newsletter, you will find the President's Review on our 2016 financial outcome.

Members are reminded that any specific question(s) regarding the Club's 2016 Financial Statement for which explanation is requested at the Club's Annual General Meeting should reach the Club, by letter or email (sent to: info@barracksonbarrack.com.au), by no later than **Friday 5 May 2017**.

COMBINED SERVICES RSL CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Combined Services RSL Club Co-operative Limited (**'the Society'**) will be held at Level 1, 5-7 Barrack Street Sydney, on Tuesday 16 May 2017 commencing at 6.15pm.

The Business of the Meeting shall be:

- 1. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday 5 May 2016**
- 2. To receive from the Board of the Society reports upon the business and transactions of the Society during the financial year ended 31 December 2016, including:**
 - a) President's Report**
 - b) 2016 Financial Statement**
 - c) Honorary Treasurer's Report**
- 3. Confirmation of Appointment of/Declaration of Ballot to elect Directors for the ensuing twelve months**
- 4. To confirm the remuneration of the Auditor**
- 5. Notice of Ordinary Resolutions**

To consider and if thought fit, pass as Ordinary Resolutions the following:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION 1

That, pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- A. Members hereby approve and agree to reasonable expenditure by the Club in a sum of not exceeding **\$10,000** (net of GST) until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club, for the following activities of Directors:
- a) The reasonable cost of meal and beverages for each Director immediately before or immediately after a Board or Committee Meeting on the day of that Meeting where the Meeting corresponds with a normal meal time;
 - b) (i) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors attending in relation to such other activities including entertainment of special guests to the Club;
 - (ii) Reasonable cost of Directors attending all functions and activities at the Club, deemed by the Directors to be of benefit to the Club.
- B. Members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph A. above are not available to members generally but only to those who are Directors of the Club and those members directly involved in the above activities.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION 2

That, pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- A. Members hereby approve to reasonable expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding **\$12,500** (net of GST) for professional development and education of Directors and senior Club management to enable the Club's governing body to be kept abreast of current trends and developments, which have a significant bearing on the nature and way in which the Club conducts its business, until the next Annual General Meeting.
- B. Members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph A. above are not available to members generally but only to those members who are Directors of the Club and those members directly involved in the above activities.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION 3

That, pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

Members hereby agree to approve expenditure by the Club for the Board Annual Function in 2017 in a sum not exceeding **\$6,500** (net of GST) to be attended by Directors and their partner, senior Club management and their partner, local dignitaries, special guests and partners.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the proposed Ordinary Resolutions:

- 1. The first resolution is to have Members in General Meeting approve reasonable expenditure by the Club in relation to duties performed by the Club's Directors.*
- 2. The second resolution is to have Members in General Meeting approve reasonable expenditure by the Club in relation to professional development, industry awareness and mandatory (legislated) training for Directors and senior Club management.*
- 3. Each of the Ordinary Resolutions must be passed as a whole and cannot be amended from motions from the floor of the Meeting or divided into two or more separate motions.*
- 4. To be passed, each Ordinary Resolution must receive votes in its favour from not less than a simple majority of those members who, being entitled to do so, vote in person at the Meeting.*
- 5. The Board of the Club recommends the Ordinary Resolutions to Members.*

6. Notice of Special Resolutions

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1

[Refer to separate Notice of Special Resolutions for AGM].

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2

[Refer to separate Notice of Special Resolutions for AGM].

7. Other Business: Members' comments or questions

- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Meeting.
- The evening Member Badge Draw will be delayed on this occasion until after the conclusion of the Meeting.
- Two lucky door prizes of \$50 Club gift vouchers will be awarded via a random draw among Members who attend the Annual General Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE GENERAL MANAGER, IN WRITING, SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ANY QUERY RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED. SUCH INFORMATION, IF AVAILABLE, WILL BE EXTRACTED FROM THE RECORDS AND MADE AVAILABLE, IF PERMISSIBLE.

By Direction of the Board

I.L. Doherty
General Manager
28 February 2017

2017 NRL HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES

Beat the rush, bring your mates to the *Barracks* and watch the *State of Origin* games in a comfortable and familiar setting. Get a leave pass from home and let THEM watch what THEY want to, while you have a great time at the Barracks watching the *NSW Blues* win.....

Game 1 – Wednesday 31 May (Brisbane)

Game 2 – Wednesday 21 June (Homebush)

Game 3 – Wednesday 12 July (Brisbane)



Join us each game night for:

- **Televised coverage in the main bar, with the volume 'up'**
- **Free hot snacks, served at the Club's convenience**
- **'Happy Hour' drinks pricing continuing until half-time**
- **Other beverage specials**
- **Promotional prizes from our sponsors**
- **Lucky door prize(s): free tickets allocated after kick-off**
- **A Greg Inglis-free zone for 2016!**

As we're always hosting weekly *NPL Poker* on Wednesday nights, we'll be open until well after each *State of Origin* game (with reasonable commentary) is concluded.

COMBINED SERVICES RSL CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD **2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – PRESIDENT’S REVIEW**

The Club operated conservatively in 2016 and the bottom line result for the year was a loss of \$168,352-10. The better news is that, aside from depreciation and amortisation, we achieved a positive cashflow outcome of \$23,881-95 in 2016.

Our comparative result for 2015 was an overall loss of \$96,470-64, which was alleviated somewhat by the receipt of insurance claim proceeds exceeding \$106,000 relating to the May 2015 ceiling collapse in the main bar. On a ‘like-for-like’ basis, our 2016 trading result was about 34% better than we achieved in 2015. It was still a loss, however, and preservation of cash reserves remains a constant consideration among your Directors and Club Management.

We recently welcomed Mr Theo Papas as a Director, in the capacity of the Club’s Honorary Treasurer. Theo is a Certified Practicing Accountant, with numerous other relevant credentials. The Treasurer’s Report and the separate audited financial statements provide full details of our recent financial performance.

The provision of sustainable catering services remained a challenge in 2016. After several false starts early in the year, it was not until mid-2016 that it became evident that the mooted arrival of ‘*La Bora Pizzeria*’ was not going to happen.

At that point we reached out to one of Sydney’s leading restaurateurs, whose diversified catering business does not include a central Sydney (city) venue. After negotiating a catering contract on favourable terms for the Club, we were informed that the counter-party would be Mr Stanley Lo’s ‘*Bombax Catering*’. Chef Stanley commenced Brasserie trading in September, and Restaurant service in October.

Members and dining visitors provided positive feedback on Stanley's catering, although its delayed introduction meant a downturn in certain beverage sales (with some offset from reduced bar wages costs) for the year. The absence of catering also meant that members and visitors who would have dined at the Club and then utilised other Club facilities faced the challenge of finding an alternate dining venue.

Some changes have been made in recent months with the intention of offering an appropriate mix of dining options throughout the Club in 2017 and beyond. The successful provision of long-term catering depends upon our combined custom, so please bring yourselves, your mates, family, partner(s) and/or work colleagues for a meal - and recommend us to others - at any convenient opportunity.

Our income from gaming operations (specifically poker machines) remained sub-optimal in 2016. In recent years the poker machine fleet has been progressively updated through a mix of purchase and lease funding. Planning for the introduction of a limited, smoking-enabled section of our gaming floor continues, with an independent certifier's confirmation of how this can be progressed being received towards the end of 2016. This will entail creation of an airflow-controlled zone, so that nearby non-smokers are not inconvenienced. We are now working towards confirmation of design and then obtaining builders' quotations so that this work can be undertaken at an early opportunity.

Much of the expense under Consultants' Fees related to the Club's engagement, from May to December, of Joseph ('Joe') Di Pietrantonio as our Interim General Manager through an agreement with his company. Joe provided a commendable level of guidance and management to the Club during his time with us. We welcome Ian Doherty as our General Manager from January 2017.

The Club's origins and, of course, its heritage lie with the Combined Services RSL sub-Branch. The RSL sub-Branch owns the 5-7 Barrack Street building, and the rent that the Club pays (\$154,833 in 2016) is the RSL sub-Branch's primary source of income.

The Club records its positive relationship with the RSL sub-Branch which, in 2016, provided new lighting in the first floor restaurant area, continued its legal opposition to obstruction of the right of way to Clarence Street (which the Club utilises for deliveries), renewed window tinting on the northern side of the building and loaned us some items of furniture.

Our charter as an RSL (licensed) Club requires us to provide amenity to the ex-service community as well as offering conviviality to social members, guests and visitors. Sadly, the number of ex-service Club members continues to decline and, with their comparatively mature age, the level of their attendance at the Club is, unfortunately, more limited than in previous decades. Notwithstanding, the Club proudly continues to pay homage to military traditions and to those who have served.

There is a requirement for the Club's Constitution to be amended at the Annual General Meeting in order for us to be able to continue to admit more social members to Club membership. Further amendments are also proposed so that our Constitution remains compliant with ever-evolving legislation and contemporary Club governance standards. These changes are represented by the two Special Resolutions that are referenced in the Notice of Meeting and which are provided separately.

We are constantly challenged by the competitive market in which we operate, by the lessening of jobs in the nearby CBD and by the increasing ability of people to work from their home. Steps are being taken to increase our appeal to the younger generations of customers and to connect better with our base of Members and regular visitors, all with a view to ensuring the sustainability of the Club well into the future.

The Board of Directors records its appreciation of the efforts of our wonderful staff throughout 2016 and to those Members and visitors who choose to patronise the Club ahead of other venues. We sincerely look forward to your ongoing support throughout 2017 and beyond.

Cahill's Corner: *where the best heads are on our beers!*

The whip-crackers have been onto me like fat kids on cake. Here are just a few of the things I've been working on for you:



Our huge Easter hamper:

Simply present **your** Member card when you purchase any Carlton & United Breweries product **on tap** and you will automatically receive an entry into the prize draw for our huge Easter hamper. Yes, we'll do it all for you!

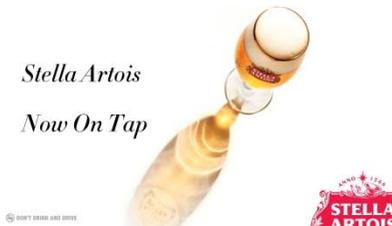
The draw will occur just prior to 6:00pm on Wednesday 12 April. You do not have to be present to win the prize.

Keno – *let's play* app, only for iPhones (requires iOS 9.0 or later):

Download Tabcorp's **Keno – *let's play*** app from iTunes and play Keno within the Club (main bar and bistro only) from the comfort of your chair or stool, with no paperwork.



Coming soon: Stella Artois and Great Northern (mid-strength) on tap



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your renewal must be completed by **31 March 2017** for you to remain financial and enjoy the benefits of membership.

We have added the convenience of paying for your membership renewal over the internet, and introduced new pricing of **one year \$5, three years \$13, or five years \$20**. Renewal can easily be effected through one of these methods:

- **Internet**, via the Club's secure payment page: go to <http://www.barracksonbarrack.com.au/> and select the Membership tab then follow the prompts to pay by **card**
- **By mail**: please send your **cheque** with this renewal form
- **In person at the Club**: we welcome **cash or card payments** in the Main Bar, at any time the Club is open.



1. Please print your details (for mail and in-person renewals)

Member Number and Name:

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Email address:

_____ @ _____

Contact Number:

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2. Select your desired Membership period (fees include GST)

1 YEAR
\$5.00

3 YEARS
\$13.00

5 YEARS
\$20.00

BISTRO DINING – GROUPS OF 12 OR MORE

Apart from providing top-quality meals at great prices, with an outstanding choice of beverage options, one of our objectives in the *Barracks Bistro* is to provide **prompt delivery** of your food order. We know many bosses have no sense of humour!

We have noticed that larger groups occasionally arrive with expectations that they can easily be seated together and that the entire food order can be served in next to no time at all.

Of course, we want to meet your needs as closely as possible and, to achieve this, we are introducing a new system of pre-ordering in the *Bistro* for groups of **12 or more people**.

In return for your co-operation, for group bookings made in the *Bistro* (with a minimum pre-ordered spend of at least \$140), we will provide your table with **two free bottles** of Angoves 'Long Row' series wine of your choice. Bookings should ideally be made prior to 11:00am on the day of (or any day before) your visit.

Until we have the booking form available on the Club's website, please call us on 9299 3688 – and then select option 1 or, alternatively, please send us an email to **bistro@barracksonbarracks.com.au** with the date and arrival time of your group and the number of expected attendees.

The *Bistro* menu can be found on the Club's website, under the DINING tab. An indication of the food item(s) that each individual desires would be helpful, but this can be finalised once you arrive. In conjunction with an upcoming *Bistro* menu revision, we plan to create an online booking form with detailed food ordering capability.

Of course, if you have a sudden need to bring a group to the *Bistro* at short notice, you will always be welcome, even without a booking.



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(If you use **facebook**, please 'like' us to receive instant updates).

Clipp: <http://clipp.co/>
Keno: <http://www.keno.com.au/venues/2000>
Dimmi: www.dimmi.com.au/restaurant/barracks-on-barrack

Wednesday NPL Poker: www.facebook.com/nplsydney/
www.npl.com.au/VenueDetail?id=2290

Download the Club smart-phone app for your telephone:



(If you're reading this on paper, please use the link on our website).

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