



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2019

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Western Suburbs League Club (Campbelltown) Ltd I present this report for 2019.

This is my first Chairman's report and while this year's operating profit was down against 2018 we are still very proud of the overall group performance when taking into account the positive growth in our facilities and the level of disruption created by the many and varied upgrade works undertaken through the year such as Leumeah (Multi level car park expansion & The Hub refit) and Gledswood Hills (Expansion & complete refurbishment).

As the Macarthur Region continues to grow so do our facilities and in line with the Board's Strategic Plan we are committed to deliver and expand services and provide new experiences for members and their guests.

The Board and Management of Wests are very aware of the need to meet challenges head on and our commitment is to provide members with facilities that exceed expectation and provide an experience that both pleases and excites.

The significant works that have been completed at The Country Club Gledswood Hills is a great example of things to come and again the Board's Strategic Plan provides for the progressive development of all our facilities. I would like to thank all our members for their patience, understanding and continued patronage during construction. It is also important to recognise our wonderful staff and the tremendous role they play in making our members and their guests feel welcome and enjoy their time when in our group of venues.

Lakeside Golf Course Camden having been awarded the 2019 Golf NSW Metropolitan Club of the Year was an outstanding achievement and testament to all the hard work that has been undertaken over the past year. In addition, our Men's Major Pennant team won their division 3 against strong first-class competition and our Lakeside ladies competed and won the coveted Coronation Medal for the first time since its inception in 1909.

Lakeside's reconfiguring and upgrade works continues and my sincere thanks to our Course Superintendent Dean Hopper and his team for their unwavering dedication in delivering a first-class course week in/out regardless of all the challenges placed in front of them. My thanks also to our Club Captain Dean Pitman, Vice Captain Peter Coles and Golf Committee members, Lyn Hall, Karen Hansen, Roy Warby, Gordon Price & Hugh Leicester. Your ongoing contribution to the detail required to properly administer golf operations is sometimes overlooked however very much appreciated by the Board, management and our golfing members.

The Tennis Club has not seen the level of upgrade activity as our other venues which has been deliberate as we continue in our discussions with Campbelltown Council as to the future of the site in conjunction with Councils Master Planning for the Leumeah precinct which will be instrumental in any future development decisions. The Board remain committed to the support of Tennis in the Macarthur region and our continued thanks to the Tennis Sub Committee in Craig Barrett, Col Rose, Michael Jackson and Brian Morris for their contribution to local tennis through the year.

The commencement of construction on our new venue “The Greens” and a new catering and bistro facilities at Lakeside is next on our agenda and we are looking forward to these getting underway in 2020.

During the year, the Board approved a sum in excess of \$1,611,891 via ClubGrants to provide financial support into the Macarthur/Camden communities via some twenty-five different sporting groups known as the Wests Sports Council. Other contributions are made towards sporting facilities and worthy community groups across the districts. This continues to be in line with our commitment in being the “Home of Sport” and making participation in sport at all levels affordable especially for the youth of the Macarthur/Camden Regions. Thank you to the Wests Sports Management Committee and Wests Sports Council members Julie Foster, Tony Norton, Les Welbourn and Colin Rose for their continued support and contribution to local sport. Special thanks to Tony Norton in his capacity also as the Clubs Sports Ambassador.

I would like to take the opportunity to publically thank my fellow Directors for their dedication, support and assistance through the year. Their commitment and contribution to Board Meetings, Committee’s including Finance, Risk, Audit & Compliance, Property & Development, Sports Management, Membership and Golf Advisory, as well as the many functions requiring attendance is a significant time impost on all. Their unwavering commitment ensures Wests remains 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 the Management Team for another outstanding year, the result achieved this year required considerable commitment both in time and effort and we continue to look forward to working with you in 2020. Thank you also to Daniel Grady- Chief Operating Manager, Karen Hansen – Executive Assistant, Leanne Craig – Human Resource Manager, Brent Krause – Security & Compliance Manager, Kim Doherty – Member Rewards Manager, Wade McKinnon – Customer Service Manager, Simon McNamara – Group Food And Beverage Manager, Graham Krueger – Executive Chef, 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. Special mention to welcome Gabriel Wallis to the role of Marketing and Communications Manager, we are looking forward to your insights and contribution throughout 2020 and beyond.

I strongly 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 back of house, thank you 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 2019 and wish you good health through 2020 and beyond.

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