

# THE BONDI JUNCTION RSL BUGLE

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Bill Harrigan



Hello Members;

It is my very sad duty to inform all of our members that the Board of Directors at its Tuesday evening meeting has had to make the decision to close the Club. This will take effect on Tuesday the 31st March which will be last day your club will be trading until it reopens. This decision was made after the meeting with the Building Control Group prior to the Board meeting when we were informed of some changes to the building schedule and the Club's financial position.

The Board, last June, set a figure when serious consideration would have to be taken as how long it could continue to trade, and have sufficient funds in reserve to carry on while the Club was closed. That trigger was reached this month so, after some serious lengthy debate, the Board voted on Tuesday evening, to close the Club at the end of March this year.

The Developers also indicated a possible extension of time before the demolition of the Club takes place, previously scheduled for later this year, moving it until early in 2021. This has also seriously impacted on the reserves set aside to look after the administration of the club while closed, sever contracts, pay out redundancies and any other expenses.

The General Manager Rob and I will now be in consultation with the Easts Group to manage our membership base until the new club re-opens late in 2022 or early in 2023. Many members have not renewed so only about 2000 will be transferred across to return when the Club re-opens. Easts have indicated they will issue a membership card with our logo.

The Board and our sub-Branch will endeavour to insure the annual ANZAC Day Commemoration will take place with the Service at Waverley Park and a gunfire breakfast and refreshments in the Club auditorium.

This has been a very sad decision the Board has had to take so suddenly but something the Board has been closely monitoring. Gaming revenue has decreased not only in our club but almost every where, together with a decrease in our membership base revenue.

Your Board will continue to operate while the Club is closed. The AGM will be held on Sunday 23rd February in the Club Auditorium.

**NOTIFICATION TO ALL FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF BONDI JUNCTION-WAVERLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH CLUB LTD  
Trading as CLUB BONDI JUNCTION  
To be held in the CLUB AUDITORIUM ON  
SUNDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 11.00AM.**



## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Rob McPake

Good afternoon members; **Valentine's Day greetings** to all our lovers at Club Bondi Junction! As our President has disclosed, the decision to cease trading, after **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**, was approved by the Board of Management at the most recent monthly meeting held on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. This followed a lengthy and intense period of deliberation, coupled with an extensive review of the Club's cash at bank position and projected income and expenditure budgets moving forward.

Moderate increases in revenue during the back end of 2019, as well as a broad cross section of tight expenditure controls, provided a wedge with which to stave off earlier closure. Unfortunately, we have suffered an abysmal start to the year: bar sales and gaming revenue falling in January, 10% and 25% respectively; and the trend continuing. Additionally, in a significant psychological blow, from the Club's membership base of **3,747 in 2019, only 1978 (53%) have renewed for 2020**. Very daunting for your Board of Management who have legal obligations and must comply with regulations, as set out in the **Registered Clubs Act** and various **governance statutes**, to demonstrate due diligence and prudence in running the administration as elected representatives of the members. Much to the detriment of your Board, all of whom are staunch members of the Club, the decision had to be taken; it was gut-wrenching and emotionally draining. However, for the Club's future viability it would appear the prudent choice.

So, where to from here? Well, our intention is to make your remaining time in the old Club House as enjoyable as we can. We will continue with our music, raffles and promotions well into March and we have scheduled a **farewell party for the Club's faithful Bingo fraternity** on the final gathering: **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Our entertainment Chairman, **Kevin Hagan**, has commenced co ordination of a musical **ONE LAST HURRAH** day at the Club with **three (3) of our regular entertainment acts** performing on **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. We will arrange a **mega raffle** for the afternoon, as well as promotions. I will keep you informed once approval has been granted from the entire Board. **Basically, we want to go out with a bang; not fizzle out with a squeak**. Also, our **President, Bill Harrigan**, is currently considering holding the **Anzac Day lunch in the Club's Auditorium** for all those attending the march. This is feasible and the Auditorium will still be fine to utilise exclusively for this purpose. This might assist our members in coming to terms with the change. Don't forget our **next Monster raffle will be held on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Theme? Black Friday! \$2,000 worth of prizes, including ten (10) hampers, quality meats and poultry, cash prizes, and dinner for two at Sydney Harbour. Music from the Time Machine.**

Don't forget our **AGM is to be held on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 11:00am in our auditorium**. All financial members are invited and urged to attend. Please remember, the **latest you can renew your membership for 2020 is Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**. So, for all our loveable stragglers: please get a wriggle on; speak to our reception staff and renew! In our Auditorium on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**, we provide venue to Australian Masters of Wrestling from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Great family entertainment at **\$15 per ticket for adults; \$8 per child**. See reception staff for details. One of our members, **Ann Bradsell**, is organising a fundraiser, supported by the Club, to raise much needed assistance to our firefighters and bush animal welfare. The event will be held in our Club auditorium on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Tickets are **\$35 per person; music and snacks provided**; all proceeds directed to charity. On a last note, I know so many members must be hurting and deflated on hearing the closure news. Can you please spare a thought for my staff who are also hurting and certainly do not want to see the doors close. Remember: it is not the end; a new Club House will be erected for the future.

**Happy Valenine's Day to all at the Club We Love- Club Bondi Junction!!!**

# TALENT SHOW

A talent show featuring a range of artists will be held at **CLUB BONDI JUNCTION** on Thursday 5th March from 12.30pm - 2pm in the lounge bar, on the Ground floor

Come along and enjoy the show with complimentary snacks (participants only) and Lucky door prizes to be won.

Hosted by John Campbell who will also be playing his trumpet.

Should you wish to be part of the show you will need to register with John on ph. 0417 426 892.

We are looking for participants who can not only sing but also perform as well (all artists are semi professional).

Looking forward to having you enjoy the show. See you all there!!

Robyn Mander-Ross  
Club Bondi Junction Director

## Thursday 5th March

12.30pm - 2pm on the ground floor

CLUB BONDI JUNCTION 1-9 GRAY STREET BONDI JUNCTION

## WELFARE REPORT

### - Members on Leave

Welfare Officer: Dave Jeffrey

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#### CLOVER LEA - Burwood

Heather Berghouse

#### CHARINGFIELD - Waverley

Joy Stern

#### SHALOM - Macquarie Park

Ian Mann

#### EDINA - Waverley

Les Patterson

#### SUMMIT CARE - Waverley

Gerald Atkins

Robin Bond

#### WAR VETS - Narrabeen

Wally Rivers D.F.C.

Betty Lou Willis

#### BUPA - Maroubra

Denis Devine

#### St VINCENT'S CARE - Bronte

Keith & Joan Dunsmore

#### ST BASIL'S - Randwick

George Devine

#### SUMMIT CARE - Randwick

Sam McKinlay

#### Macquarie Lodge Arncliffe

Edward Watson

#### BUPA - BEXLEY

Ebbe Dahl

Club Bondi Junction RSL

# FEBRUARY

Local artists playing  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
for all ages!

Fri: 5.30pm - Sat: 6.30pm

Sat 1 Back 2 Front

Fri 7 Des Gibson

Sat 8 LID

Fri 14 Acoustic Drift

Sat 15 Rob Devlin

Fri 21 Bed Rockers

Sat 22 Trevor Martin

Fri 28 Peter Power

Sat 29 John Campbell



Photo of Vince Buchan and Barbara Urquhart visiting member Gerald Atkins on his 92nd birthday at Summit Care Waverley. Happy Birthday Gerald!!







**SUB-BRANCH REPORT**  
**- Sue Welman (Secretary)**

Hello members,

I hope everyone survived the heavy rain last weekend without too much damage to property. Last week Bill, Joy and myself drove to Patonga and met the agent at our property for an inspection. Several jobs need attending to and will be presented to the committee for approval. All new bed linen was needed, so we drove to Woy Woy to purchase it at K-Mart. We should have taken a photo with Joy and I surrounded by pillows, doonas etc—looked like those you see in the Guinness Book of Records of how many people can squeeze into a car!!

The Annual report is at the printers and will be sent out in the mail this coming week along with our Quarterly newsletter to all of our sub-Branch members. Please take the time to read it and if any questions regarding finance are to be asked please provide them in writing seven days before the AGM to be considered by our Auditor and our Treasurer.

At the conclusion of our March Quarterly meeting and Annual General Meeting a BBQ lunch and refreshments will follow together with our some prawns. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

Nominations for the Executive and Committee closed at 6.00pm last Monday and as all positions were filled there will be no need for an election to be held this year.

Sadly, we have been informed the Club will close at the end of March this year. This will not affect the operations of the sub-Branch nor the ANZAC Day commemoration activities.

*You're*  
**IN LUCK**  
*it's our...*

**10 x Black Friday Hampers**  
**24 x Large Meat Trays**  
**Cash Prizes**

**OVER  
\$2000  
IN PRIZES**

**PLUS... your chance to**

**WIN the MAJOR PRIZE:**  
**Sydney Harbour Cruise**  
**Luncheon for 2**

**Black**  **Friday**

**MONSTER**

**Raffle**

**TIX ON SALE AT 5.30PM**  
**RAFFLE STARTS AT 6.30PM**

**Music by: TIME MACHINE**  
**from 5.30pm**

**FRIDAY 13TH MARCH**