



# THE HILLS CLUB

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## **Directors Reports**

Year ending 31st May 2024





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## **Board of Directors**



**Chairperson  
Ken Carroll**



**Vice - Chairperson  
Karen McCann**



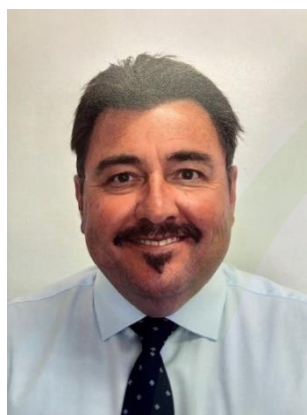
**Treasurer  
Elizabeth Leahy**



**Director  
Dennis Halford**



**Director  
David Smith**



**Director  
Phil Axiak**



**Director  
Glenn Hall**



## Chairperson's Report

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure that I present the Chairman's Annual Report for the Hills Bowling Club for 2023/24. This year has been one of both challenges and triumphs, and I am delighted to share the progress and achievements of our club over the past twelve months.

### 1. Club Overview

Our club continues to thrive as a vibrant community social hub, also fostering a love for the sport of lawn bowls while building lasting friendships among members. We welcomed around 1,000 new members this year, bringing our total membership to around 6,500. It is heartening to see our club's growth and the increasing engagement from both new and long-standing members.

### 2. Financial Performance

I am pleased to report that the club's financial position remains strong in a very challenging environment. Our Treasurer will provide more details.

### 3. Facilities and Maintenance

Over the past year, we have continued to maintain and improve many facilities but we are limited in significant investments in many areas due to the potential redevelopment of the club. We are contractually committed to Arden Clubs until May 2025 and therefore the Board consider it imprudent to make any major investments in the club's facilities until we have certainty about our future.

### 4. Bowls

Our bowls calendars were very full of exciting activities this year for both the men and women, and of course mixed events. In July we saw the creation of the new Metro North-West Region which includes the original men's Zone 10, the ladies Mitchell District and Macquarie District.

At our club we pride ourselves in the friendship, fellowship and fun of playing the great game of lawn bowls – both in serious competitions and socially. We have a high participation rate at club level and zone/district events.

Thanks to our hard-working bowls committees and to our Bowls Secretary Andrew, who is always calm and collected whilst managing complex scheduling and unpredictable weather interventions.

### 5. Membership and Community Engagement

This year, we focused on increasing member engagement and strengthening our community ties. We have seen an increase in club functions where we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from members and visitors, and we are committed to continuing these efforts to enhance member satisfaction and community involvement.



## **6. Acknowledgements**

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our General Manager Melissa and her dedicated staff, as well as members of the Board of Directors and volunteers whose hard work and commitment have been instrumental in our success this year.

## **7. Looking Ahead**

As we move into the next year, our focus will be on ensuring the club continues to meet the expectations of our members and guests. We are seeing more and more complex legal issues around gaming and other areas, with our General Manager continuously monitoring all of these complexities and keeping the Board informed.

I am confident that with the continued support of our members and the efforts of our management and staff, committees and the Board, we will continue to make the Hills Bowling Club a place where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to the club. Here's to another successful year ahead!

Ken Carroll  
Chairman, Hills Bowling Club



## **Treasurer's Report**

Dear members,

The club has had a successful 2024 year with a net profit of \$184,179, up from \$173,871 in 2023.

This figure is pleasing in several respects as it demonstrates that while quite a number of clubs in the past year or two have had to go down the amalgamation or closure path due to lack of financial viability, we have not, as we are profitable and the financial figures reflect the wonderful support from our members and guests who continue to come to the club as it is a welcoming and well run club to frequent.

Even with the cost of living squeeze, we remain a venue of choice for discretionary spending as both bar and catering venue were up in 2024 over 2023.

Gaming revenue remained static compared with 2023 and cash at bank is pleasing and again up on 2023.

The loan we have with NASR Group Investments Pty Ltd has been paid down to the point where we only owe \$200,000 and this will be finalised this current financial year.

We continue to be diligent with the reporting of depreciation and this of course affects our bottom line, so to remain in a positive net profit is good news for the club and all members and guests.

Thanks must go to Melissa Davies, our General Manager who shows great leadership in maintaining the club's financial viability and to her team who make the hills club so welcoming.

Elizabeth Leahy  
Treasurer