

WALLSEND DIGGERS
Message from the CEO

October 2024

Dear Members

The financial year ending May 2024 has presented some challenges for our Club, but we will continue to look for opportunities for growth and improvement. As we navigate ongoing expenses related to the Wallsend Diggers Sports Club, including insurance, electricity, council rates, water rates, and fire protection. We remain optimistic and committed to finding innovative solutions. Your continued support is invaluable as we work together to ensure the future success and vitality of our Club.

In line with the Boards commitment to enhancing the Club's facilities and meeting members' expectations, we are pleased to announce the recent lounge renovation. This upgrade has added 44 more seats and a large screen, so you won't miss any of your favourite sports. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to make improvements and enrich your experience at the Club.

Your board is excited to announce the installation of electric vehicle chargers at the Club, a significant step towards embracing sustainability and modern convenience. This new addition reflects our commitment to supporting eco-friendly practices and meeting the evolving needs of our members. With these chargers now available, you can enjoy all the amenities and activities our Club has to offer while ensuring your electric vehicle is powered up and ready to go.

The Bistro and Steakhouse at Wallsend Diggers are thriving! Head Chef Greg Peate and his team have put in tremendous effort to craft a fantastic menu for each area. You'll find a great selection, including Daily Specials and seasonal offers. To ensure you get a table, we recommend making a reservation.

Mezz Bar Entertainment keeps delivering fantastic concept bands and Australian artists, including acts like The Radiators and Disco Revolution. Stay updated on upcoming events by checking the Club's socials and website.

If you're planning a celebration or any event that requires a larger space, please reach out to our Events Team. We can help you find the perfect venue for your needs.

Wallsend Diggers Sports Club remains closed until further notice. As of time of writing, I am awaiting an update from the Subsidence Agency regarding the site at 5 Fogo Street, Wallsend. We will provide further updates as soon as we receive additional information.

In closing, we bid farewell to John Hume after 22 remarkable years as CEO. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes. John's leadership has left a lasting mark on our club, and his contributions have profoundly enriched the experience for all our members.

On behalf of the President, Board of Directors, Management, and staff, we wish you John nothing but joy and fulfillment in your well-deserved retirement. May your next adventure be as rewarding and meaningful as your distinguished career with us.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the President and Board of Directors for their dedication and support, as well as to the Senior Management Team and all the staff for their hard work in maintaining a fantastic facility for our members. As we look ahead, we will face new challenges, including updates to gaming legislation and licensing changes. Thank you all for your continued commitment.

On behalf of the President, Board of Directors, Management, and staff, thank you for your support. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe!

Mark Stanborough
Chief Executive Officer.