

NORTH BONDI RSL

Hello Club Members,

I am very pleased to report that since we opened just on 4 weeks ago, trading has been pretty consistent. This is great news, and we are now set up to ensure our best trading months at the end of this year and through to Anzac Day in 2022 are spectacular!

Your patronage has been very much welcome and appreciated – we are on the up across all measures and the Board is delighted at the contribution Members have made despite strict Covid limitations. We have weathered the 2020 and 2021 Covid storm and with more people allowed in the front door, I am looking forward to getting us back to our always strong trading and financial position. As ever, we want to be able to share very positive news at the AGM next year that we have done just that.

My main thrust in this note is to formally advise you all that after almost 17 years in the chair, Steve Lovat has made a tough personal decision and will depart the Club for important family reasons not the least of which is to assist his partner Kylene with the monumental growth that her business has seen during the last couple of years. Steve has told me that it is time to give his all to the family and their business and so the Board has reluctantly accepted his resignation and he will have his final day on Friday 19 November.

During his time as the Secretary Manager, Steve has managed the Club and his team with aplomb, professionalism and a great sense of service. He has been heavily engaged in every matter that North Bondi faces – rebuilding financial stability, facilities upgrades, new processes for his team, managing the takeover of the bistro, renovating the Club and oversight of major and minor works along the way in our winter “downtime” every year. He executes his daily management of the staff in a compassionate and caring manner and his leadership of his senior people both in the kitchen and on the floor is always impressive. He treats people with respect and no matter if a supplier, customer, Board member, Club member, visitor, or casuals in from a beach swim – everyone get the same high-quality service that is his personal hallmark.

On behalf of all the Club members and our staff, I extend our heartiest best to you Steve and your family – I am very aware of the careful consideration you have taken with this decision, and I can assure you that the Club will never forget your tenure and magnificent contribution. Stay safe and go well in whatever you pursue – of course only after you have everything in the “boss’s business” completed to her satisfaction!! THANK YOU so much Steve...it has been a distinct pleasure having you as the leader in your time at NBRSL!

Finally, I announce that Jason Linke will step up as the Interim Secretary Manager while the Board undertakes the necessary search for a permanent replacement for Steve. We will cast the net and see what the prospects are. Importantly, Jason is clearly a great choice for the Interim role given his experience and familiarity with the NBRSL Club day to day management and ancillary activity. Jason will be supported strongly by the team around him and the Board while he takes on the challenges of running our Club and on your behalf, I thank him for stepping up. We know he will be successful in the role.

If you have the time and feel so inclined, please drop by and say a word of thanks to Steve - I know it will be very much appreciated. He really has done us proud!

Take care all, stay safe and see you at the Club.

See you at the Club !

Martyn Bell
Club President