

CHAIRPERSON'S 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



As we close the chapter on 2024, I am absolutely delighted and filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we've all shared this year. It has been a year of unprecedented growth, community spirit, and most memorable achievements. Please allow me to highlight some of the key moments and milestones from this past year.

Extraordinary Financial Performance

I am thrilled to announce that 2024 has been an all-time record trading year for Diggers The Entrance. Our financial performance has surpassed all previous results, with 2024 producing an operating profit of \$2,205,355 and earnings before depreciation and interest, taxation & amortisation of \$3,651,740, this is a direct result of prudent management and strategic decision making and investments which has allowed us to maintain a healthy balance sheet. A testament to the dedication of our team and most importantly the loyalty of you all, our members. This success ensures that we can continue to reinvest in the club's future and continue to enhance the overall experience for our members & guests.

Continued Community Engagement

During 2024, we again contributed financial support to our community thru the clubs' grants scheme with total expenditure amounting to over \$185,976.00 This was in both category 1 & 2 this is a fantastic achievement that the Diggers Board is so very proud of and is a testimony of what our wonderful club is all about.

This year, we intensified our efforts to connect to our community with our newly created "Diggers Community Crew" who undertook several community engagements including school programs and helping the disadvantaged. Diggers sponsorship of local sports teams continued to grow in number and the Diggers logo is now part of a myriad of sporting associations across the coast, Diggers' commitment to giving back to our community has never been stronger.

Events and Entertainment

Diggers entertainment and social activities have expanded with our lineup of events during the year, adding our very popular Seniors session monthly on a Sunday afternoon, these have been nothing short of spectacular, our live bands have again proved very popular as has our sold-out theatre restaurants productions. Feedback from members and guests has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're excited to bring even more exciting events in the coming year.

Exciting Developments in 2025

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be an even more exciting year for our club. Several ambitious projects in the pipeline, including the renovation of our outdoor spaces to create a more vibrant and inviting environment for members and guests. Commencing now, we are undertaking a refurbishment of some of our existing amenities, either an expansion or renovation that will bring an enhanced experience to all demographics including kids & sports enthusiasts that use our facilities. These developments are all part of our ongoing commitment to making Diggers The Entrance a premier destination for social and recreational activities.

Acknowledgments

None of these experiences or achievements would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our Management, all staff both front and back of house and the guidance of the Board, and whilst on the Board, I must thank Kevin Clancy for his long term unwavering efforts during the many years he was a BOD member of Diggers The Entrance, which unfortunately due to ill health came to an end during the year, Kevin's contribution to the cause can never be underestimated, this obviously also applies to all my fellow BOD members, however also most importantly of all, is the unwavering support of our members and guests. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you. Your enthusiasm and loyalty that is the foundation to our success.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to 2025, we remain committed to enhancing the member experience, fostering our community ties, and ensuring our facilities continue to meet the highest standards. 2025 is most certainly shaping up as a year of change for your club, change I am sure once completed will solidify Diggers The Entrance as the benchmark for local clubs. Thank you for your continued support, we are fortunate on the Central Coast to have on offer many alternative options for your entertainment and the fact you continued to choose Diggers The Entrance for same is greatly appreciated and here's to another fantastic year ahead!



Gayle Gribble
Chairperson



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THE ENTRANCE

APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2025-2027

As I will not be able to attend the Club during the periods the Ballot will be open, will you please forward me a postal vote.

NAME:
ADDRESS:
MEMBERSHIP No:
MEMBER SIGNATURE:

PLEASE NOTE

- Application for postal vote to be addressed to:
THE RETURNING OFFICER - Michael Nevin
ELECTION SOLUTIONS
PO BOX 290
WARILLA NSW 2528
E: info@electionsolutions.com.au
- Applications for postal votes may be requested up until **Wednesday 26th March 2025**
- Completed ballot paper can be returned to Club's Office by **Thursday 3rd April 2025**

Voting will be conducted on the Club's premises during the following times:

Sunday: 6th April 2025 10am - 6pm
Monday: 7th April 2025 10am - 6pm
Tuesday: 8th April 2025 10am - 3pm

RESUMES FOR ELECTION



DAVID SHERIDAN

Education: St Josephs College, Hunters Hill Sydney University - B.Ed (Physical Education, Maths, Science) In my teaching career I have been the treasurer of Aust Secondary Schools Soccer and secretary / treasurer of Redlands Little Athletics Club. I believe firmly in the stability and future of our club as the premier community club in the local are. I look forward to your support.



** BRIAN TIGHE

Current Board Member for 8 years.
Bar / Cellar - Marrickville Businessmen's Club
Bar / Cellar - Gladstone Hotel - Dulwich Hill
Bar / Cellar - Norfolk Hotel - Norfolk Island
Manager - Norfolk Island RSL - Norfolk Island - 4yrs
Manager - City of Sydney RSL - 2yrs



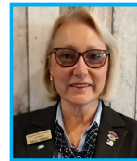
** GEOFFREY AMBLER

Current Board Member for 15 years.
Vice Chairman for the last 8 years.
I am passionate about Diggers and believe we have a great future ahead of us. Worked for Telstra some 40+ years as a cables jointer and draftsman. Member of The Entrance Long Jetty RSL With RANR for 3 years. A Res for 10+ years, reached the Rank of Sergeant . Member of the Old & Bold Snooker Club.



** JAMES ROBERTSON

Current Board Member for 10 years.
I have been a member since 1981 and I am interested in the performance of the club to cater for all members providing good food, bar service and entertainment. To encourage members to attend the club also providing outdoor bowls, snooker and bingo. Come to the club to have a good time and help in the hard times.



** GAYLE GRIBBLE

Current Board Member for 10 years.
Chairperson for last 8 years.
I joined the Board of Directors in 2015 and achieved the position of Chairperson in 2017 which I currently still hold. I have worked hard with the Board and Management to keep our Club progressive and productive and look forward to continuing the success we have achieved in the past few years.



** JOHN TUFFEY

Current Board Member since December 2024
Previous Board Member 2017-2020
Served in the Royal Australian Navy 1965-1972. Self employed retail wholesale butcher - Trading as Tuffey's Tender Meats for 30 years. Active Member of Diggers Old & Bold Snooker Club, also active Bowls player at Diggers. Member of the Sub Branch. 40 years resident of Central Coast.

** Denotes current Board of Director

