

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2019

Hello again members, it is once again my great privilege to present my report for 2019. My role and responsibility as Chairperson of this magnificent club has presented myself and your Board of Directors with opportunities to serve members of our community which give us great satisfaction on an ongoing bases. We are very proud of **diggers** and our pride has only grown with the production of our magnificent new facility for you, our members and guests, as our determination has grown to serve you all to the full extent of our ability.

2019 the year that was 'Wow!' How busy we were with new projects being undertaken and so much time and effort committed by all who were in a position to achieve everything that was required.

From daily feedback we have received, it would appear that our magnificent new Outside In Kitchen | Café has absolutely nailed it with all our **diggers** family members. The atmosphere and décor are second to none amongst clubs and pubs on the Central Coast.

While we are very happy to have our major refurbishment finalised on point, 2019 was also a very tough year for **diggers** as many outside areas conspired together to make a very difficult operating environment, including two elections (State & Federal), low interest rates, bushfires / drought, online gaming and the start of the Coronavirus, all of which when running temporary facilities in a 6 month renovation make for a tough environment.

A full review of the financials has been covered off (plus & minus) in the CEO's report. With all this aside, **diggers** has continued to provide in excess of \$278,041 which is well above our legislative requirement. These donated funds were to worthy community organisations, and **diggers** remain proud and committed to do so in the future for many years to come. These groups include local charities, community organisations, schools and a myriad of sporting groups across many disciplines, by way of cash donations and in-kind support.

As busy as the year 2019 was, it is important to recognise the dedication and discipline of the management team, front and back of house staff who if not working as a cohesive team, would not have made the progress that we did towards our strategic goals.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you, the loyal **diggers** family members, for all your support during what was a most disruptive environment, one that has now produced a state of the art facility and a standard of service second to none. I am sure this will allow you to have many hours of enjoyment in Outside In Kitchen | Café as we move through another year.

I look forward to saying hello to all of you when you next choose to use the best club facilities on the coast.

Thanks for your time again!

Gayle Gribble  
Chairperson

