AUGUST 2025 - JANUARY 2026



& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM CAMPSIE RSL GROUP

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying all that Campsie and Chester Hill RSL has to offer as we move through the latter half of the year and head towards the festive season.

Firstly, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting in May. It's always encouraging to see members taking an active interest in the future of our clubs. For those who couldn't make it, I encourage you to come along next time as the AGM is a valuable opportunity to hear firsthand about our performance, plans, and direction.

It has been a pleasure to see our clubs full of life in recent months. From live music and weekly raffles to the return of popular interest groups, it's heartening to see members reconnecting and enjoying the vibrant atmosphere we strive to create.

Reflecting on the year so far, I'm proud of what we've achieved together. Both of our clubs continue to trade steadily, placing us in a strong financial position. This stability has enabled us to contribute a total of \$1,136,672.81 as of July, through the ClubGRANTS program along with direct donations and sponsorships. These contributions have supported important community initiatives and made a meaningful impact on many local organisations. Thank you for playing a vital role in making that possible.

While never taking our eye off day-to-day club operations, we continue to progress with our approved strategic priorities, keeping our diversification projects a key focus for the Board and Management. These long-term initiatives are critical to our strategy of reducing reliance on gaming revenue and ensuring future sustainability. With the regulatory landscape constantly evolving, a proactive approach is essential. I want to acknowledge and thank everyone involved in these projects - your commitment and innovation are truly appreciated.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jeff Roser President



Gordon Brian Vice President



Ivan Tilmouth Director



Graeme O'Bierne Director



Ken Button Director



Carol Anderson Director

I invite everyone to take part in all the memorable experiences our clubs provide - whether it's sharing a meal, joining in one of our events, or reconnecting with friends in a friendly and relaxed setting. With exciting cash draws, live entertainment, special promotions, and our popular Christmas ham and points giveaway coming up, there's something for everyone to look forward to as we celebrate the holiday season.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our Management and Staff. Their dedication, professionalism, and care are the driving force behind everything we do. Their daily efforts ensure that our clubs remain places of community, connection, and excellence. A special thank you to our Board members for their time and commitment throughout the year, helping us stay focused on our members and delivering a strong, communityoriented club experience.

As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank you for being such an important part of our Club community. On behalf of the entire team, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe, and restful festive season. Your continued loyalty and support mean a great deal, and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

> **JEFF ROSER** CLUB PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

I hope you and your families are in good spirits as we reflect on what has been a successful, community-focused, and rewarding year so far.

One of our key priorities remains giving back, and I'm incredibly proud to share that over the past 12 months, our Club has continued to thrive as a cornerstone of support for both veterans and the wider community. So far this year, substantial funds have gone towards supporting mental health programs, youth initiatives, emergency services, local schools, sporting clubs, and other vital community support services. These are causes we believe in deeply, and they reflect our enduring mission to support those who support us. This generosity is only possible because of your ongoing support, and for that, I sincerely thank you.

In May we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which gave us the opportunity to reflect on our achievements, discuss our strategic direction, and engage directly with our members. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed - your involvement is invaluable to the continued transparency and success of our Club.

CEO REPORT

We've also seen strong momentum in our "Beyond 2020" diversification strategy, which continues to shape our vision for the future. Our expansion plans for 2025 and beyond are progressing well, with a clear focus on ensuring long-term sustainability, creating new revenue streams, and enhancing our ability to serve members in an ever-changing environment.

Closer to home, we've been pleased to welcome the return of much loved activities at Chester Hill RSL, including raffles, charity housie, and live entertainment. It's been wonderful to see the Club filled with energy as members reconnect and enjoy the social side of Club life. We've also continued to deliver excellent value through our food and beverage offerings, as well as a range of exciting member promotions. Members will note that beer pricing has not gone up this year and we do not intend to review this until 2026.

As we approach the festive season, we recognise the ongoing financial challenges many are facing. That's why we'll continue to prioritise affordability, value, and community spirit - ensuring the Club remains a welcoming place for everyone. We will again this year look at more prizes, giveaways and member promotions over the festive season.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Directors and our Club President for their continued leadership and guidance. I'm also deeply grateful to our Management Team and dedicated staff, whose passion and hard work are the foundation of our success. Their commitment ensures we continue to thrive as an RSL and community-focused organisation.

From all of us at the Club, I extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We're excited to welcome you back over the summer and look forward to an enjoyable and successful year ahead at your Club.

Yes, we are the Club that tries just that little bit harder to make your visit and day that little bit better.

I look forward to seeing **YOU**, at the club.

CRAIG LOVE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT



The Australian Light Horse had its humble beginnings in the 1890s. They were initially mounted troops formed as part of Australia's Militia home defence scheme. They were made up of part time volunteers including indigenous groups, with many members drawn from farming rural areas and Rifle Clubs, possessing skills of horsemanship and marksmanship. They were mounted troops with characteristics of both Cavalry and infantry.

The Light Horse Regiment is recognised by their distinctive feature of the Emu Plume worn on the Infantry slouch hat. This originated in the 1890s Shearers strike in Queensland. This dress feature was then taken up by Light Horse regiments in other states. Although there was some reluctance at high command the Emu Plume was accepted distinguishing the **Lighthorse Regiment** from the Infantry Troops and first featured in the

The South African Boar War (1899-1902) saw Australians fighting first time since Federation as a country. Australian Lighthorse units participated in

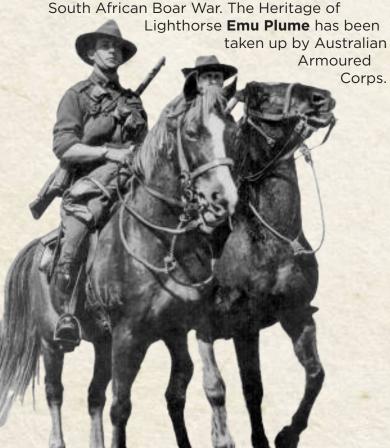
various battles but were not a traditional Cavalry unit, but rather Mounted Infantry

meaning they used the horses for mobility

but dismounted to fight. Their experiences in the Boar War provided valuable training and lessons in mounted infantry tactics that would be vital in World War 1.



In World War 1 The Australian Light Horsemen's horse was a "Waller" so called although the horses came from all parts of Australia, they were originally sold through New South Wales. They were a sturdy, hardy horse, able to travel long distances in hot weather with little water. The Waller's characteristics were vital during the campaigns in the Middle East. Horses usually need to drink 30 litres of water a day. However, during the campaign they often went



for up to 60 days without water, while carrying a load of almost 130 kilograms, comprising rider, saddle, equipment, food, and water.

The Light Horse Regiment combined the mobility of Cavalry with the fighting skills of infantry. They fought dismounted with rifles and bayonets. The smallest unit of a Light Horse Regiment was a four-man section, one holding the horses while the other three fought.

Australians' WW1 baptism was the Gallipoli campaign April 25, 1915. The Light Horse were considered unsuitable because of the terrain however they were soon deployed without horses to reinforce the Infantry. Arriving in May and attached to the New Zealand and Australian Division.

After the Gallipoli evacuation, the Light Horse was heavily involved in campaigns throughout the Middle East. Major events were Sinai, Suez Canal and the recapture of Palestine among other battles which eventually defeated the German Ottoman empire. Most famous of these were the Light Horse Cavalry Charges at Magdhaba and the Historic Last Cavalry charge at Beersheba both being outnumbered but desperate for water it was life and death struggle as the retreating Turks and German armies destroyed and poisoned the water wells.

The War ended in November 1918.

The bond between soldier and his horse was strong relying on each other for survival in the stifling weather conditions in the Middle East. Because of quarantine conditions horses could not be brought back to Australia much to the heart break of the Light horsemen.

Over 120,000 horses were sent from Australia in the War. It is estimated that 30,000 died on the battlefield while many more died from



disease, exhaustion, or were euthanized due to age or injury. At the end of the War around 20,00 Australian horses were still in Egypt and the Middle East. These were classified by age and condition and sold off to the British, Indian and Finnish Armies.

Only one horse made it back to Australia from WW1 - "Sandy" owned by Major General William Bridges, Commander of the Australian1st. Division who died of wounds at Gallipoli. His dying wish was for Sandy to be sent back home; this was granted by high command. Sandy was transported to England to see out the war. Then he was shipped to Australia to be with other army horses at Maribyrnong in Victoria. He died there in 1923. Major General Bridges was also one of the few Soldiers to be brought back to Australia for burial. He is laid to rest at Duntroon Canberra.



After WW1 the advancement in Mechanised Armory and Weaponry saw Cavalry Regiments vulnerable. In 1937 with the advent of WW2, the Australian Light Horse were redeployed into Machine Gun, Armoured Vehicle and Tank Regiments. However, they wear their Traditional dress uniform including the Plume Slouch hat right through to today. The Traditional Australian Light Horse is still maintained by volunteer associations in each state and proudly paraded in original uniform on horseback at Historic, Memorial and State occasions.

A visit to The Royal New South Wales Lancers Museum at Parramatta hosts the Light Horse history as well as Vintage Armoured Corps vehicles.

Gordon Brian Editor

Acknowledgements: Australian War Memorial, Australian Light Horse History, Walla West Museum.













2 X \$250 BUNNINGS VOUCHERS

(ONE WINNER PER VENUE)

1 X ENTRY FOR EVERY \$10 CUMULATIVE BEVERAGE SPEND DOUBLE ENTRIES ON FATHER'S DAY BETWEEN 10AM - 3PM

DRAWN ON FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 3:30PM

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\$5,000 CASH

2 WINNERS DRAWN AT EACH TIME SLOT FOR \$500 CASH EACH

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2 WINNERS DRAWN AT EACH TIME SLOT FOR \$250 CASH EACH

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CAMPSIE RSL GRC

Angel FLYING WITH PURPOSE: Flight ANGEL FLIGHT AUSTRALIA

At the heart of every RSL club is a deep commitment to service - not just to veterans, but to the wider community. This spirit of giving is perfectly embodied by one of our very own staff members, Darryl Campbell, whose remarkable dedication extends far beyond our club doors and into the skies.

Since becoming a volunteer pilot with Angel Flight Australia, Darryl has completed an outstanding 856 flights, offering hope and essential transport to those in need. Angel Flight Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that coordinates free non-emergency flights for people in rural and regional areas who need to access specialist medical treatment in the city. These services are provided entirely by volunteer pilots and drivers, making every mission a true act of generosity and compassion.

For those living hundreds of kilometres

from vital medical care, Angel Flight is often a lifeline. The journeys Darryl undertakes help patients many of them children, elderly, or chronically ill - access critical care they otherwise could not reach. These flights don't just carry passengers; they carry peace of mind, dignity, and a fighting chance.

Campsie RSL Group is proud to have supported both Darryl and Angel Flight Australia since 2021, contributing a total of \$235,000 to this life-changing cause. It is a partnership that reflects our values and commitment to supporting those who support others.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Darryl for his dedication, generosity, and humility. His work makes a real difference in people's lives, and we are incredibly proud to count him as part of our team.

Darryl, thank you for continuing to fly with purpose. You inspire us all.





UP CLUB GRANTS

BOXING FOR CHARITY

Congratulations to Director Graeme O Beirne (THE BEAST) who put his body on the line in the Boxing Ring to raise money for the Sydney Children's Hospital. This is Graeme's journey.

On Friday, 6th June 2025, I had the privilege of participating in **Executive Boxer 4**, a black-tie charity boxing event held at the Sydney Hilton. This incredible evening featured **12 bouts**, showcasing the courage and commitment of both **male** and female boxers, all fighting for a cause close to our hearts - the **Sydney Children's Hospital**.

I embraced this challenge wholeheartedly - with gloves on - and began training in April, dedicating myself to 4 to 5 sessions per week until the big night. The journey was demanding, but the reward was immeasurable.

Thanks to the generous support of friends, family, and colleagues, I personally raised over \$5,200, contributing to a collective total of more than \$42,000 raised by all participants. These funds will go a long way in supporting the vital work of the Sydney Children's Hospital.

The experience was not only a physical and mental challenge but also a thrilling and unforgettable evening for everyone in attendance. I'm deeply grateful to all who supported me and to those who donated so generously.

Thank you for standing with me and for supporting such a meaningful cause.

Warm Regards
Graeme O Beirne
Director, Campsie RSL Group



FRONTLINELABS

veteran potential unleashed

Frontline Labs, our NFP Health Promotion Charity, understands that veterans are at a higher risk of many health and social issues compared to the civilian population, particularly homelessness, substance abuse, and suicide.

As highlighted in the recent Royal Commission recommendations, helping veterans successfully transition and reintegrate into the civilian community offers positive mental health outcomes to counter some of these challenges.

Through education programs, business mentoring, and collaborative partnerships, Frontline Labs supports the veteran-community to reconnect with purpose and passion through self-employment – leading to a more stable transition and healthier long-term results.

Their Veteran Entrepreneur Training 1 (VET-1) program started in early 2023 and has graduated 70 participants so far. Integrating an RTO accredited unit of competency, VET-1 is run through four weekly online sessions to accommodate a nationwide cohort and culminates in a one-day in-person Residential Day.

The next VET-1 course is starting 8 July, with 14 participants completing their online studies and graduating at the Residential Day on 4 August. Due to the high number of applicants from Southeast Queensland, this event will be hosted and supported by Currumbin Palm Beach RSL. Participants will hear from guest speakers who have been on the same journey, attend a Remembrance Service at the RSL memorial, network with their cohort, and compete in a business pitch competition aimed at securing seed funding.

To learn more about Frontline Labs, sign up to their monthly newsletter (https://www.frontlinelabs.org.au/subscribe) or email hello@frontlinelabs.org.au

Mark Leatham (Veteran)

CEO & Co-Founder Frontline Labs







10 DRAWS IN TOTAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY 2 X 12PM, 2 X 2PM, 2 X 5PM, 2 X 8PM & 2 X 10PM

MEMBERS REQUIRED TO BE ON SITE TO CLAIM THEIR PRIZE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONCE PER DAY

CAMPSIE RSL

\$15,000 CASH

2 WINNERS DRAWN AT EACH TIME SLOT FOR \$500 CASH EACH

CHESTER HILL RSL

\$7,500 CASH

2 WINNERS DRAWN AT EACH TIME SLOT FOR \$250 CASH EACH

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Responsible Gambling

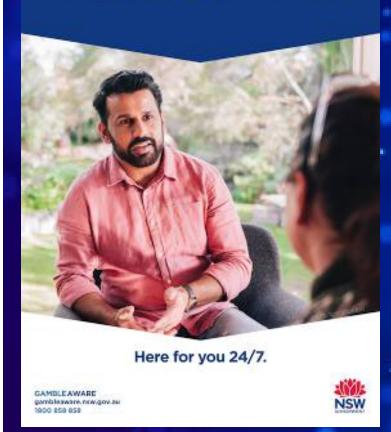
Whilst gambling for many people is a regular entertainment and leisure activity, for some people their gambling can adversely impact their lives and relationships.

The Campsie Group is continually monitoring and researching ways to improve its responsible gambling services, and is committed to delivering them in a safe and friendly environment for everyone.

We are here to help and guide all of our customers through the difficult times they may be experiencing with their gambling, and provide a free support counselling pathway to the BetSafe counselling service. This is a totally free and confidential service, open to anyone wanting to take steps and reduce or stop their gambling altogether.

We encourage our customers to use this counselling service by providing digital contact information throughout our venues, and in addition to this our trained staff and management team are actively engaging with our customers to make use of this service whenever needed.

Help is close at hand





1800 BETSAFE (1800 238 723) betsafe.com.au

CHRISTMAS HAM GIVEAUAY

PROMOTION STARTS
MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

CHESTER HILL RSL

10 HAMS TO BE GIVEN
AWAY AT EACH
SUNDAY RAFFLE IN
DECEMBER

PRIZE POOL \$20,000

20 x ½ LEG HAMS & 20 x \$50 MEMBERS POINTS TO BE WON EACH WEEK!

DRAWN FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER,
FRIDAY 5TH, 12TH & 19TH DECEMBER
DOUBLE PRIZES TO BE WON ON FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
40 x ½ LEG HAMS & 40 x \$50 MEMBERS POINTS

1 x ENTRY FOR EVERY \$15 CUMULATIVE BEVERAGE SPEND DOUBLE ENTRIES ON FRIDAYS BETWEEN 4PM - 7PM

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DRAWS WILL TAKE PLACE 21ST, 22ND, 23RD, 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER

SWIPE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT THE KIOSK ANYTIME BETWEEN 10AM AND 10PM FOR YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE IN

\$37,500 CASH!



10 DRAWS IN TOTAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY
2 x 12PM, 2 x 2PM, 2 x 5PM, 2 x 8PM & 2 x 10PM
MEMBERS REQUIRED TO BE ON SITE TO CLAIM THEIR PRIZE
MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONCE PER DAY

CAMPSIE RSL

\$25,000 CASH

2 WINNERS DRAWN AT EACH TIME SLOT FOR \$500 CASH EACH CHESTER HILL RSL

\$12,500 CASH

2 WINNERS DRAWN AT EACH TIME SLOT FOR \$250 CASH EACH

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CHESTER HILL RSL MEN'S SOCIAL GOLF CLUB REPORT 2025



Merv Webb Trophy (Mid-Year Update)

We're halfway through the year, and the competition for the **Merv Webb Trophy** is heating up!

Current Standings:

1st - Neil Hebb: 115 pts

2nd - Mustafa Vurguntas: 110 pts3rd - Robbie Rickard: 105 pts

February 2 - Auburn

Winner: Neil Hebb - 44 pts

Runner Up: Mustafa Vurguntas - 42 pts

3rd: Terry Crowe - 41 pts

Special Mention: Congratulations to Neil Hebb

for a hole-in-one on the 6th hole!

February 8-15 - Trip Away Nelson Bay

Les John Trophy Winner: Rob Rickard Mick Dettmer Trophy (3-Man Ambrose): Robbie Rickard, Kevin Lynch & John Leddicoat

April 6 - Woodville

Winner: Neil Hebb - 43 pts Runner Up: Zeljko Janusic - 41 pts 3rd: Al Robinson - 40 pts

Special Mention: Al Robinson nailed a **hole-in-one** on the 15th hole!

June 8 - Woodville (Semi-Final COW)

Winner: Mark White - 39 pts

Runner Up: Mustafa Vurguntas - 36 pts

(countback)

3rd: Yucel Cifci - 36 pts

Semi-Final Results:

Neil Hebb defeated Robbie Rickard Yucel Cifci defeated Donald McBride



Family portrait of some of our golfers after our last game - enjoying a beer, a laugh, and good mateship.

CHESTER HILL LADIES GOLF CLUB REPORT 2025

31 May - Georges River Course

Winner

A Grade - Lynne Noring 72 B Grade - Jenny Rullis 70 R/u

A Grade - Carrol Jol 74 B Grade - Mandy Warren 72

14 June - Woodville

One Grade Winner

Casey Hobbs - 35 **R/u**

Lynne Noring - 31

21 June - Canterbury

Winner

A Grade - Chris Kirby 32 cb B Grade - Jenny Rullis 41 cb

R/u

A Grade - Jenny Potter 32 cb B Grade - Faye Elter 41 cb

CAMPSIE RSL GOLF REPORT 2025



Any golfers wishing to play please leave your name and contact details at reception.

- Gordon Brian

FEBRUARY 2 GEORGES RIVER G.C.

Single Stroke + A & B Grade, Major Trophy Lewis Payne Memorial donated by Kenny Koobthong and Zane Mitchell. This was won by Nathan Gallagher with a nett 60 on a c/b from Andrew Dubber. A Grade M. Calnan 75, K. Koobthong 76 c/b from Y. Abati. B. Grade A. Dubber 60, R. Tantri 66, S. Geary 68 c/b.

N/P R. Bradshaw x2, M. Calnan, X. Stewart. D/P Thomas. Raffle T. Mika, Jelly Beans T. Gallagher.

MARCH 2 BEXLEY G.C.

Single Stableford + A & B Grade. Major Trophy donated by Yanto, Ronnie and Luckman. Winner was Andrew Dubber with 42pts. A Grade L. Leavasa 34, K. Koobthong 33, M. Stewart 30. B. Grade L. Mc Gregor 39, T. Mika 37, Ronnie 36. N/P R. Bradshaw x2, N. Gallagher, Thomas. D/P A. Grade M. Stewart B. Grade T. Mika. Jelly Beans top to bottom G. Dubber, Raffle D. Heath.

MAY 4 SPRINGWOOD G.C.

Single Stableford + A &B Grade. Major Trophy traditionally donated by Club CEO Craig Love. This was won by a very improved young Xanda Stewart with 36 pts. A. Grade L. Leavasa 32, J. Lee 31 c/b from Y. Abati. B Grade G. Dubber 34, T. Gallagher 29, L. Mc Gregor 28 c/b. N/P K. Koobthong, J. Lee. D/P T. Vailuu. Jelly Beans Lukman, Raffle Z. Mitchell.

JUNE 1 DUNHEVED G.C.

Single Stableford + A & B Grade. Major Trophy donated by S. Geary, G. Bardossi, L. Mc Gregor. Winner Tony Buxey with 39pts. A. Grade M. Calnan 32, L. Leavasa 31, R. Bradshaw 30. B. Grade Thomas 35, A. Dubber 34, S. Geary 32.

N/P A. Dubber, G. Dubber x2, K. Koobthong. D/P A K. Koobthong, B J. Burbpha.

Jelly Beans J. Parker, Raffle A. Dubber.

MARCH 22 PRESENTATION LADIES NIGHT

Campsie RSL Sun Ho Restaurant
Our Presentation night for 2024 winners had a
good number of members in attendance with
partners. All enjoyed the Chinese Banquet
prepared by the pleasant Sun Ho staff. Club
Championship winners were, A Grade joint winners
John Lee and Kenny Koobthong. B Grade Tino
Falealaga, 2nd. Tom Mika. Match Play Xanda
Stewart, 2nd. Ronnie Tantri.

Stableford Mark Calnan, 2nd. Yanto Abati. Point Score for consistency Ronnie Tantri, 2nd. Yanto Abati. Highlight was the Jelly Bean awards for the back of the field monthly players, kindly donated by Zane Mitchell. I would like to thank the committee and members for my Life Membership presentation thank you all.



B Grade Champions



February Winner Nathan Gallagher



Joint A Grade Champions



June Winner Tony Buxey



Life Membership



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