



COOGEE LEGION EX-SERVICE CLUB LIMITED

ABN 24 000 085 263

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025

Meeting opened at 11.10am 16th November 2025 in the premises of Coogee Legion Ex-Service Club Limited, 200 Arden Street Coogee NSW 2034

Number of members in attendance as per register: 56

Also in attendance: Adam Jones (Lawyer) and Gary Wong (Auditor)

Welcome

Kristy announces the phone is recording this Meeting for minute-taking purposes

Jim Dubos (President – Chairperson of Meeting)

- *Welcome to Members and thanks to the Board Members.*
 - *Thanks to Kristy, Marty and the staff for their commitment to the Club.*
 - *Jim updates the Members on the progress the club has made in the last 12 months.*
- Commenting on the following areas.*

The Club has had its competition increase this year with the new Irish Bar opening on the corner and of course the constant challenge of being set between 2 of Sydney's most renowned pubs.

Club profited \$549k despite its challenges. Which is a slight increase on last year.

In 10 years the amount of Clubs in NSW has dropped by over 500 and it is expected that this trend will continue. This is why the Board and Management are always looking to diversify and upgrade.

We now have a strong maintenance program that we will continue.

We are going to start using the outside of our Club as a bit of a canvas. We have been liaising with the Council on how we can advertise on our building.

The whole Team is trying to be progressive in bringing our Club into the future.

1. Apologies

Alex Smith

Matt Thistlethwaite

2. Confirm the Minutes of 2023 AGM, 2024 AGM and 2025 Special General Meeting

Discussion:



Martyn Betts would like to call for a procedural motion to confirm that rule 76 of our Constitution has been complied with.

Martyn requests that Adam read rule 76. Adam reads the rule.

Martyn has repeated again that the minutes weren't available last year. On the President's behalf, Adam Jones stated this matter was discussed at last year's meeting.

Resolution to confirm the Minutes of the 2023 AGM, 2024 AGM and 2025 SGM.

Moved: Stephanie Feeney 1989

Seconded: Chris Doyle

Carried (4 votes against)

3. To receive and consider the Reports of Officers

The President's report was given at the start of the Meeting.

No other officer reports were presented.

4. To receive and consider the Financial Report, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30th June 2025

Gary Wong (Club Auditor)

- *2 years ago the Club made a record profit and that record was broken again in 2024, and am pleased to announce that the record has been broken again in 2025.*
- *After Tax Profit has improved by about \$4000 with a bottom line result after tax of just under \$560,000*
- *The main driver for this improvement has been the increase in the Bar Profit of \$170,000.*
- *The Club has increased their profit in Bar Sales without increasing the Bar Prices. We know this because the Gross Profit Margin has dropped.*
- *The Club has undergone its valuation. Based on the independent valuation the valued building was worth around \$32 million. Which is about \$1.4m more than 4 years ago.*
- *The Loan has been reduced by \$300,000 in the year due to extra repayments.*
- *The finance of the Club is strong.*

Discussion:

Martyn Betts asked a question to Gary Wong regarding the Financial Report. Gary Wong responded.

Adam Jones comments that the Corporations Act does require that Members have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions and make comments regarding the Financial reports and the Audit. It is the Club's preference that members give notice in writing so that the General Manager and Auditor have time to answer.



Adam Jones on the President's behalf asked: Are there any other questions regarding the Finances of the Club?

Resolution to receive the Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report:

Moved: Maria Watts 129

Seconded: Member name not recorded

Carried

5. To consider and if thought fit, pass the Ordinary Resolution contained in the accompanying 'Notice of Ordinary Resolution'

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act 1976, the members approve and agree to the reasonable expenditure by the Club until the next Annual General Meeting for the following activities of directors (paragraphs (a) to (f)) and the professional development and education of directors (paragraphs (g) to (k)), and the members acknowledge the following benefits are not available to members generally but only to directors and other members of the Club who are involved in the following activities:

- (a) the reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each director and committee member immediately before or immediately after a Board or committee meeting on the day of that meeting when that meeting corresponds with a normal meal time;*
- (b) reasonable expenses incurred by directors in travelling to and from Board or committee meetings, provided the expenses incurred are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of that expenditure;*
- (c) reasonable expenses incurred by directors in relation to Club-related activities including entertainment of special guests of the Club and other promotional activities performed by directors, provided the expenses incurred are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of that expenditure;*
- (d) the provision of apparel (e.g. Club blazer, tie, shirt or blouse, and trousers or skirt) for each newly elected director and the replacement of apparel for existing directors as required, for the use of directors when representing the Club;*
- (e) the provision of donations, grants, facilities and services as approved by the Board to charitable organisations and the Coogee Sub-Branch of the Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women;*
- (f) the reasonable cost of directors, officers and their respective partners attending functions as approved by the Board;*
- (g) the reasonable cost of directors and their partners attending industry-related meetings including the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting and activities directly associated with that Meeting;*
- (h) the reasonable cost of directors and employees approved by the Board attending seminars, lectures, trade displays, organised study tours, fact-finding tours and other similar events,*



provided those attendances are approved by the Board as being necessary or desirable for the benefit of the Club;

- (i) the reasonable cost of directors and their partners, where appropriate, attending other registered clubs, hospitality and gaming venues for the purpose of viewing and assessing their facilities and methods of operation, provided those attendances are approved by the Board as being necessary or desirable for the benefit of the Club;*
- (j) the reasonable cost of providing directors with industry-related training including required training under the Registered Clubs Regulation 2025;*
- (k) the reasonable cost of providing directors with membership of the NSW Club Education Institute.*

Discussion:

Glen Miller 2126: How much will be spent on Directors benefits in the future?

The resolution doesn't tie the Club to a monetary limit. The Club would expect to pay up to \$5000 for mandatory training.

Gary noted that the Club has not had erratic totals in their Directors Expenses over the years and he relays note 17 in the Annual Report to the Members.

Moved: Ian Bland 985

Seconded: Kim Le 942

Carried (1 against)

6. To elect the following prominent citizens to Honorary Membership of the Club until the next Annual General Meeting

- the Sitting Member of Parliament for the State Electorate of Coogee*
- the Sitting Member of Parliament for the Federal Electorate of Kingsford-Smith*
- the President and Secretary of the State Branch of the Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women.*

Moved: Steve Holten 2269

Seconded: Stefanie Feeney 1989

Carried

7. To elect the following persons as Patrons of the Club until the next Annual General Meeting:

- the Reverend Father, St Brigid's Catholic Church, Coogee*
- the Reverend Minister, St Nicolas Anglican Church, Coogee.*



Moved: Yvonne Ryder 2983

Seconded: Louise Brincat 2970

Carried

8. Election of Board of Directors

Declaration of results of election of the Board:

President Jim Dubos, and Vice President Gary Watts – elected Unopposed

Ballot for Directors: 221 votes cast, 1 votes invalid

Directors elected were:

- Cheryl Doyle
- Jeff Cullen
- Glen James
- John Piercy
- Richard Brincat

The President thanked the unsuccessful candidates, Michael Carter and Mark Rugless, for their service on the Board.

9. General Business

- **Tom Ryan 3172**

Where are the Pending Members displayed and where is the notice board?

How many people voted and for who?

Kristy Strong replied that the location of the Notice Board is in a Public space and under a light.

Adam Jones explained that the Registered Clubs Act was amended so that membership applicants' addresses are no longer displayed on the notice board.

Pending members no longer need to sit in front of the Board and Manager in person to have Membership approved.

- **Glen Miller 2126**

Wouldn't it be a good idea to have Member applications nominated and proposed?



Adam Jones replied that this requirement was removed from the constitution because someone who is new to the area and may not know anyone yet. The Club would then have to turn away that person. Another reason is because the Club's employees were often signing as proposers and seconders, even when they didn't know the person.

Meeting Closed 11.47am

Signed as a true and correct record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim Dubos', written over a horizontal line.

*Chairperson
Jim Dubos*