

Urunga Bowling Club Limited

Chairperson's Report

30 June 2025

Dear Members,

It is pleasing to report on another successful year for our Club. Our financial result, showing a net operating profit in excess of \$650K, demonstrates that our club is well managed and operates successfully in a very challenging financial climate.

You have a responsible and dedicated team of Directors who are ever mindful of making decisions that protect the interest of members and support the needs of both Social and Bowling members.

The future financial well-being of the Club is paramount in supporting both the delivery of facilities and activities for all members. In recent years, the Directors have supported Management in diversifying income streams to reduce the Club's reliance on gaming machine income. Whilst gaming machines are a significant source of revenue for the club, it is pleasing to note that our financial reliance on gaming is significantly below the average of many clubs in the State.

On the financial front, the investment in real-estate has served the club well and provided both opportunities for alternative income as well as capital gains. The bottleshop continues to be well supported and has proven to be a worthwhile investment.

During the year we saw the departure of our former General Manager Mark Parry who we thank for his acumen in facilitating expansion of the Club's investments in alternative income streams. We wish Mark well at his new Club in the Riverina.

We welcomed our new General Manager Troy Gale in February 2025. Troy has come to the club with an enormous amount of experience from within the Club industry. His knowledge and expertise are delivering benefits for the club. His focus on staff training and well-being, minimising wastage and using technology to its full advantage, are providing dividends for the Club. You may have noticed we now have an attractive and well supported web site.

Investment has occurred in many areas of the Club and your Directors have recently held workshops to evaluate development options that can enhance the club for future generations, whilst being mindful of the day-to-day needs of members. The introduction of a courtesy bus service, whilst expensive, has proven to be popular. Our social members have benefitted from the ongoing provision of entertainment on Friday nights, twice weekly enhanced Bingo games and the weekly game show style Trivia nights.

The Club has finally received sign off from Council on its numerous projects including gaming room modifications, the bottleshop, advertising sign, awning to greenkeepers shed and the southern pedestrian access. Negotiations are continuing with Council on the realignment of the sewer main to allow further development of the club facilities. The Board has also approved funding to replace all the light towers on the bowling greens to bring them up to current structural standards and tournament quality lighting.

On the Bowling front, we are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers led ably by President Jo. We had success at regional level with one of our men's pennant teams and the bowlers continue to aspire to winning a State Flag. Your Board is supporting our greenkeeper with provision of new equipment and ongoing support so that he can implement his plans to take our greens to the next level.

Due to the ongoing financial success of our Club, your Board has been able to assist many community organisations throughout the year. Donations and sponsorship have assisted Bellingen High school, Cancer Council, Empowered Today, Surf Life Saving, Community Health Mental Health Services, Art Space Urunga, Valla Beach Community Defibrillation and Urunga Anglers to name a few. In all, over \$23,000 in financial support has been provided to a diverse range of organisations.

There is much more to do, and your Board will continue to focus on keeping members well informed through its electronic platforms and making decisions with the best interest of all members in mind.

A huge thankyou to our wonderful staff and we look forward to the continued support from all our members. May everyone enjoy the upcoming festive season and look forward to a New Year full of fun, good health and prosperity.

John Davis

Chairperson