



Happy Easter!



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK – 2026 MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER

The recent show *The Eagles Experience* was extremely popular with tickets selling out weeks before the event. This was a quality show, however, the room was not quite big enough to seat 250 people and still provide a dance floor. If the Club's auditorium could comfortably accommodate around 300 guests, the Club could attract more quality entertainment. This may accelerate one of our strategic plan objectives to extend and move the stage into the breezeway area, renovate the Club's foyer and install an operable wall on the western end. The Building Committee is working towards a solution and plans may be on display soon.

The Club has been trading well in recent months, with all areas showing remarkable trading figures. This is a testament to our exceptional staff and their ability to adapt to new ideas, and of course, our supportive members. The motel is also performing extremely well, with occupancy rates above 85% over the past nine months. Dean and Michelle have exceeded our expectations in their first year as the new motel managers.

TRADING HOURS

As part of a harm minimisation strategy, Liquor & Gaming have revoked all variations to the licence of every club and pub in New South Wales that have gaming machines. This means that from April 1, 2026, the shutdown period for gaming machines across the state will be 4:00am to 10:00am. Our Club has had an exemption to operate our gaming machines from 9:00am for many years, however, in line with legislative orders, this will have to change. The Club will continue to open the doors at 9:00am for the next month before assessing the impact the change may have on our income and expenses.

COURTESY BUS

The courtesy buses are still operating daily, but the increase in the price of diesel will have an effect on their availability. From April 7, the buses will be available to take guests home every hour. Unfortunately, if patrons miss that bus or are not ready to leave when the bus is scheduled, they will have to wait for the next bus run or make other arrangements. Please remember, this is a courtesy bus, not a taxi service. However, if staff are available, a bus may operate outside the regular hours for pick-ups only. Please call the Club to check with staff. Members need to be patient when requesting the courtesy bus, as staffing levels change throughout trading times and drivers may not always be available on demand. It is the Supervisor's call on bus availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Club has ordered additional solar panels for the Auditorium roof, and when combined with our existing system, this will power batteries to reduce our increasing energy costs.



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CAR PARK AND ROAD CLOSURES

Clarence Valley Council has begun works on Short Street and Alexander Street to address road deterioration, pedestrian access, and improve stormwater drainage. This work is long overdue and will see great improvements to the roads adjacent to the Club and Motel. The work is scheduled to be staged in three sections to limit disruptions to the Club, Motel, and others that are affected. These stages will be ongoing for approximately the next four months and will see some changes to accessing the car parks in front of the Club and the car park at Club Maclean Motel, which we will manage as best we can.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

The Club is again on board as a Platinum Sponsor of the extended Harvest Celebrations this June Long Weekend – 5th, 6th and 7th. The reincarnation of the event in 2025 was a huge success for the local community, and the committee has bigger and better plans for this year and into the future. We look forward to partnering with them again in 2026 and are confident the event days will be hugely successful once again. Members and guests are reminded that during these days, the car park will be utilised for the event. Parking will be very limited so please be mindful when planning your visit to the Club over the June long weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maclean Bowling Club is again the major sponsor for the Maclean Cup in 2026. The Calcutta is scheduled for 7:00pm Saturday night, July 18 with the ferry leaving Maclean early the next morning. A champagne breakfast and entertainment will be provided en route to Grafton for the big race day. For those who prefer not to catch the ferry, buses will be available after breakfast at the Club. Tickets for both modes will be available the Club's reception from July 1. We recommend purchasing your tickets early as we often sell out. All our sponsored Clubs will be issued tickets to sell for the Calcutta in June and we look forward to everyone's support. Of course, preceding this is the Maclean Cup Fashion Parade and High Tea at 2:00pm on Saturday, June 13 – an annual event not to be missed.

Keep an eye out for more entertainment to come, and don't miss the great entertainment at the Club this Easter Long Weekend – featuring Who's Charlie on Good Friday at 8pm, the Scottish Ceilidh on Easter Saturday at 6pm, and the Tsyzu fight on Easter Sunday from 11am, followed by our first Sunday of the month raffle at 3:30pm.

Wishing all our members a great Easter weekend with your loved ones.

From the Board, Management and Staff of Maclean Bowling Club





UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CLUB

WHO'S CHARLIE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FRI 3RD APRIL FROM 8PM

GOOD FRIDAY - NO TAKEAWAY ALCOHOL

MACLEAN SCOTTISH TOWN DANCE CENTRE PRESENTS
EASTER SATURDAY
Scottish Ceilidh
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 6PM

COME ALONG AND LISTEN TO THE QUEENSLAND IRISH PIPE BAND & WATCH THE HIGHLAND DANCERS PERFORM IN THE CLUB'S AUDITORIUM

NO RESERVATIONS FOR TABLES IN THE AUDITORIUM
FIRST IN BEST DRESSED POLICY

Traditional Scottish gathering with all things Scottish!

THE RISE
TSZU NURJA
VS
NURJA

WBO INTERNATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

26-3 vs **20-0**

SUNDAY APRIL 5
11AM AEST | 10:30AM AEST | 9AM AEST
SHOWING LIVE AT THIS VENUE
FOXTEL

APRIL 5
EASTER Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY RAFFLE
TICKETS 3.30PM
DRAW 4.30PM

50 PRIZES TO BE WON

MACLEAN BOWLING CLUB
KIDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT & THEMED PARTY SPECIALISTS
The Smiley Squad

FREE MARIOKART DELUXE TOURNAMENT

FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 10AM TO 12PM

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED & TOP RACERS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC
Sweet TROUBLE
DANNY DOON & SAMANTHA DANN
COUNTRY MUSIC DUO

8PM
FRIDAY 24 APRIL

LEST WE FORGET
ANZAC DAY

CLUB OPENS 9AM TILL 10PM

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

TWO-UP 2PM TILL 6PM
IN THE MAIN BAR

MACLEAN BOWLING CLUB
Sunday Session
LIVE MUSIC with
THE FORD BROS
SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2PM - 5PM

FREE ENTRY