





## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Halfway through 2025 already, and there's plenty happening around the Club. Last Saturday, we saw two popular events held on the same day — the Ray Miller Memorial Triples and the Maclean Cup High Tea and Fashion Parade.

Congratulations to Steve Jackson, Ian Parker and Des Johnson, who won the triples bowls tournament. The Ray Miller Memorial Triples was sponsored by Northern Rivers Lifestyle Estate "Lincoln Place" for the second year running.

The Maclean Cup High Tea and Fashion Parade was well attended as a fundraiser for the Maclean Hospital Auxiliary. Special thanks to Tamara, Julie, Margaret, Joy, Club staff and everyone else working hard behind the scenes to make the event successful as always.

This Friday night, we're giving away a share of \$5,000 in our Members Cash Bonanza promotion. If you've renewed your membership and are a financial member, make sure your entry slip is in the barrel and you're at the Club for the draw to claim the cash. The major prize is \$2,000 with six draws of \$500 to be won!

The July Racing Carnival is just around the corner and the Club has a bus leaving at 11am for the Grafton Cup on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. The bus returns to Maclean after the last race and bus tickets are just \$30 available at front reception.

Maclean's biggest race day, the Maclean Cup, is the last race day for the July Racing Carnival held on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets for the bus and ferry are on sale now and members can purchase them from the Club's front reception. Tickets for the Calcutta are available now at the bar for \$2 each and can be purchased on the night. The Calcutta is held the night before the Cup and kicks off at 6.30pm. The Maclean Cup Kids and Family Fashions will be held straight after the first race this year at the main stage area. A winner and runner-up will be announced for each category which are: Toddlers 0-3 years, Juniors 4-9 years and tween/teens 10-16 years and family fashions.



We've been fortunate to enjoy some sensational entertainment recently, and that will continue throughout July. This Saturday night, we have Duelling Pianos, an event held in conjunction with the Maclean Business Chamber. Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, we're thrilled to host Kevin Bloody Wilson in what promises to be a night full of laughs—please note this is an 18+ event and we advise that no children should be in the Club after 8pm. The ever–popular Who's Charlie will return on Saturday, 12th July. Later in the month, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July we have The Buckley's with Mick Buckley and Crinkle performing a few songs together for what's sure to be a special set.

Our main bar and amenities upgrades will start in early August. We are replacing the roof on the auditorium and main bar and there will be some disruptions during renovations, however we will try and keep these to a minimum.

Last Thursday night, we attended the ClubsNSW Awards in Sydney as proud finalists in two categories. We were recognised in the Social Inclusion category for our ongoing support of Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation's Close the Gap Day. We were also honoured to receive a Highly Commended award in the Arts, Culture and Entertainment category for Yaegl Sky Stories: Stars and Songlines. It was a great night celebrating the positive impact Clubs have in their communities, and we're incredibly proud to be acknowledged for our contributions.

On closing I must acknowledge the sad passing of a number of Members of our Club over the past few months. One of these was Life Member Ben Bailey. Ben won nearly 50 Club Titles throughout the years and countless Pennants.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Maclean Bowling Club. See you at the Club!

Matt Farrell Chairman

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