



JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

'Striving to communicate effectively with our Members'



Katoomba RSL Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has now been just over 3 months since the devastating fire destroyed Katoomba RSL ASC in Lurline Street, Katoomba.

From that devastation, there is now just a cleared site waiting for the process to commence to build a brand-new club.

The club established a Building Committee shortly after the fire, and the planning and design process commenced after the site was cleared.

To assist the Board and the Building Committee, the Board has appointed Mr Michael Turner on a full-time basis to manage the day to day complex issues involved in the rebuilding process. Michael brings considerable experience and expertise in the building industry which will greatly assist the rebuild process.

Before the actual rebuild can commence there are the necessary planning and design approval processes that must go through Council and State Government, which can take time. However, the club has been assured and has received the full support of Blue Mountains City Council in this process.

Council site inspections should commence shortly and once the necessary rebuild approvals have been obtained actual construction works will commence on the site.

I would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of

management and staff throughout this time for their dedication and commitment to the ongoing operation of the club.

It is also important to recognise the incredible efforts of management and Katoomba RSL Sub Branch in the conduct of ANZAC Day 2017. With the poignant backdrop of the cleared site, the Community War Memorial and the erection of a tent city in the carpark, provided for one of the most special and memorable ANZAC Days ever held in Katoomba. The club has received many messages of thanks, support and encouragement as the result of this very special ANZAC Day Commemoration

The club is still operating from Wentworth Falls Bowling Club and I encourage members to take advantage of the facilities at that club.

To those members and guests who previously took advantage of low cost meals at Katoomba RSL ASC, I highly recommend the lunch time service provided by Meals on Wheels Community Kitchen which is located at the Katoomba Civic Centre (just opposite the old Council Library). This service operates Mon, Wed, and Fri 11.30am-1.00pm and provides a very high quality low cost 3 course meal.

Brian Turner RFD
President



Vision Statement: Our Vision is to strive to communicate effectively with our Members, serve the Blue Mountains community and commit to making our Clubs an enjoyable and memorable experience for Members and guests.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to focus on our distinctive strengths and to use these to achieve our goal of excellent customer service and staff training and the provision of high quality, safe and friendly facilities for Members, guests and staff. This commitment will allow us to fulfill our future goals to Members and guests by providing an enjoyable and memorable experience at all our Clubs.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



"Life goes on and let's pick ourselves up and move forward" is the attitude management and staff have following the devastating fire on Friday 24th February.

We, as a group, have grown closer knowing that there is light at the end on the tunnel.

A very special and huge Thank You to all our staff for keeping strong and their willingness to continue under extreme pressure.

Just one week following the fire, organisers were in full force to make necessary changes to ensure the 22nd Blue Mountains Music Festival went ahead. Despite inclement weather most of the weekend, the festival attracted record numbers and was another great success.

ANZAC Day was an emotional, long, but rewarding day. All staff were unified leading into ANZAC Day, cleaning the cenotaph, bringing the gardens back to life, arranging the WWII style setup in the carpark, with Marquees. The whole set up in the carpark, was tremendous, with an outstanding effort, displaying comradery from all involved in organising this day, preparing and cooking breakfast and lunch for hundreds, servicing our portable bar, and conducting a professional charity game of Two Up. All this created an unforgettable Dawn Service, March and Wreath Laying Ceremony for the hundreds that supported the Day.

All monies raised through donation buckets and Two Up were greatly appreciated, with those funds being donated to Katoomba RSL Sub Branch.

I continue to encourage our Members and their guests to support our Wentworth Falls Bowling Club. Poker,

Bingo, Free Entertainment, Free Members' meat raffles and the Sunday Meat raffles have all been transferred to Wentworth Falls Bowling Club, and we hope that members will take advantage of these events and utilize the Free Shuttle Bus service that operates every day.

Falls Bistro invites all members and guests to try our new, exciting bistro menu offering affordable pricing in a family friendly atmosphere. The Club has taken over the operation of the Bistro utilizing our own qualified staff. The Bistro is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Bring the family down for a great, big meal for loose change.

With the fire destroying 79% of the building, and the remaining 21% being destroyed by smoke and water damage, it certainly has created a mammoth challenge. It has been a tedious process reinstating our systems following the fire, with a view to implementing the latest technology to enable the club to offer better facilities to its members.

We understand that members have questions and queries that need to be answered. Please do not hesitate to call our Katoomba office on 4782 2624, or alternatively email members@katoombarsl.com.au.

The first part of this re building process seems to be the most difficult, but I assure all our Members that the final results will be worth the wait to see such a transformation and a Club that you can be proud of.

Nick Darias
Chief Executive Officer



*Blue Mountains Food Services
Welcomes You to the
Katoomba Community Restaurant*

For people over 65 who wish to enhance their community connections.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:30am to 1:00pm
The Katoomba Civic Centre
3 Course lunch \$9.50

Transport between Woodford & Katoomba available for \$4



For more information about the lunch or to make a booking on the bus, talk to Leesa on 02 4759 2811

This program receives funding from both federal & state government

It is with great pride that the Board of Directors and Management would like to congratulate Caroline Excell for 20 years of service at Katoomba RSL.

Caroline was recently featured in the Club Life Magazine — April 2017 which is distributed to Clubs throughout New South Wales.

"I started in the gaming area of Katoomba RSL in 1997, after I was retrenched from a job at Westpac... I have remained at the club ever since".

Caroline worked in the gaming area for the next 14 years. Six years ago, she shifted to the administration department and helps with accounts, functions and staff training. The hard-working and much-loved employee recently clocked up her 20-year milestone at Katoomba RSL, but the celebration was short-lived after a huge blaze ripped through the Club.

Caroline's already looking forward to welcoming members and guests back into the Club when it's rebuilt. "I can't see myself working anywhere else; I enjoy the work, the Club is held in high esteem with the Blue Mountains community because it does a lot for the community... I've built up a great deal of knowledge from working here so long, and I don't feel like I'm ever going to stop learning... We are like a big family and that has never changed"

"Playing the Long Game" written by Ben Rossleigh

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