



President's Report – AGM

Firstly, let me start by offering my condolences to those of you who have lost family and friends throughout the past year. Can we observe a moment's silence?

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the past financial year. This year has been one of consolidation, steady progress, and renewed focus on strengthening our organisation's foundations.

Thank you all for joining us this morning. It has been a year of teamwork, resilience, and genuine community spirit. I'm proud of what we've achieved together.

We strengthened our organisation by improving communication, supporting our volunteers, and delivering programs that genuinely make a difference. Our events were well-attended, our members stayed engaged, and we continued to build a welcoming environment where everyone feels valued.

We faced challenges — rising costs, increased workloads, and the need to update systems — but we tackled them with collaboration and creativity. The Board worked hard to keep us on track, and I'm grateful for their commitment.

Most importantly, our members remained at the heart of everything we did. Your feedback, participation, and support shaped our decisions and helped us grow. So I'd like everyone to stand up, turn to your right and give the person in front of you a pat on the back because our special little community club wouldn't be what it is without each and every one of you.

Chris "The Green keeper" Bell and his loyal companion Heada. Well done and thank you for your hard work and exceptional skills in keeping the excellent facilities for all of us to enjoy. So many compliments from other clubs on how our club presents!!

Eric "The Chef" The man that keeps us fed all year round. Good food puts bums on seats, and you fill them well so thank you and all your team for your hard work!!

Captain Brett Hughes and the Hughes family!! Your dedication and drive has done wonders in leading the Club to 3 State competitions in such a short time. And in the prize money in a lot of competitions around Sydney and afar putting Hillsdale on the

map!! Building our bowls family and membership. along with an amazing Bowls committee, Jose, Jason, Hamza, Sonia, Louise, Ryan, Lyle, all these events, games, and competitions don't run without the people behind them and all the work that goes on to have them run right.

To Carlos " Mr Hillsdale " It's been a challenging 10 years to make this club what it is now. Hillsdale has over 3000 social members for this little hidden gem. And a profit of over \$300,000 is a record for the club. Well done Carlos, Debbie, David, Amanda and all the staff for your hard work and keeping everyone hydrated!!

Looking ahead, we're focused on building sustainability, improving our digital tools, and expanding the services we offer. I'm excited about the year to come and confident that, together, we will continue to strengthen our organisation. The Board has continued to prioritise strong governance, transparency, and long-term planning. We reviewed our strategic objectives, refined our operational priorities, and ensured compliance with all regulatory obligations. I want to acknowledge the commitment of our Board of Directors, whose expertise and diligence have been central to our stability and growth.

Thank you for your trust, your involvement, and your ongoing support.

Kevin Fitzsimons

President