



SECRETARY MANAGER'S REPORT

Club Hillsdale Update – 2025/2026

The 2025/2026 period has been an extremely busy and successful time for Club Hillsdale. Along with growing our social membership to more than 3,000 members, we have also continued to build our bowls membership. This coming pennant season, the club will proudly field four competitive teams, reflecting the continued growth and popularity of our bowling facilities.

Financial Performance

Thanks to the continued support of our loyal members and the many new members who have joined us, the club recorded a **profit of \$315,980 for the 2025/2026 period**, compared with a loss of \$32,031 in 2024/2025. These figures include depreciation of \$300,000.

This is a significant improvement on the previous year and reflects the ongoing support of our members, the hard work of our staff and the continued development of Club Hillsdale.

Club Improvements and New Facilities

During the past year, we have undertaken several improvements to enhance the experience of our members and guests.

- **Car park improvements:** The parking area has been upgraded to help prevent vehicles from becoming bogged during wet weather.
- **New marquee:** The installation of our marquee has been a very popular addition, providing a versatile space for functions, celebrations and meetings.
- **Children's play area:** A small play area has been installed to keep our younger visitors entertained while enjoying a visit to the club with their parents.
- **Cooling facilities:** Misting systems have been installed over the garden tables at the front of the club and inside the marquee to help keep everyone comfortable during the warmer months. Fans have also been installed in the decking area.

These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to making Club Hillsdale a welcoming and enjoyable place for the whole community.

Member Rewards Kiosk

The club has purchased a member rewards kiosk to run promotions and reward members with a variety of complimentary offers. These include beverages, raffle tickets, meals and bonus points, which can be added instantly to a member's card or membership app.

The kiosk has proven extremely popular, recording almost 4,000 member swipes per month. This is a fantastic result and demonstrates how much our members appreciate the additional benefits available to them.

Barefoot Bowls and Our Synthetic Green

Barefoot bowls continues to grow in popularity, largely thanks to our excellent synthetic bowling green. It is a great way for families and friends to get together, enjoy some friendly competition and have a good time.

Bring your family and friends down, enjoy a game of bowls and let us provide the entertainment, with our boom box playing your favourite tunes!

Whether you are an experienced bowler or have never played before, everyone is welcome to come along and give it a try.

Marquee Hire – Your Next Event at Club Hillsdale

Our marquee is available for hire and is an excellent venue for birthdays, celebrations, private functions and meetings. It can accommodate approximately 70 people for a stand-up event or 50 people seated.

The marquee also offers an opportunity for small businesses looking for a temporary space to operate during the weekdays.

If you are planning a special occasion or looking for a suitable space for your next event, please contact the club to discuss our marquee hire options.

Upcoming Events and Entertainment

Sportsman's Lunch – Friday, 19 February 2027

Our next Sportsman's Lunch will take place on 19 February 2027. This event has become a highlight on the Club Hillsdale calendar, with half of the proceeds going to a local charity.

Keep an eye out for ticket sales and further announcements. We look forward to another successful event while supporting a worthwhile community cause.

Jack Attack Bowls Program

Over the coming months, we will once again be running our popular Jack Attack program. The program has continued to grow each year, with last year's event attracting enough participants to fill almost both bowling greens.

Jack Attack is designed to introduce non-bowlers to the fun of lawn bowls in a relaxed and social environment. Teams have the chance to win prizes while meeting new people and enjoying some friendly competition.

You do not need to be a bowler to participate. Contact the club for upcoming dates and registration details.

Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup Day is always a major event at Club Hillsdale. It is a wonderful opportunity to get together with friends, enjoy the atmosphere and experience the excitement of the race that stops the nation.

Bookings are essential, so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment!

Rio Carnival – 1 November 2026

Get ready for a taste of Brazil at Club Hillsdale! Our Rio Carnival celebration will commence at 12 noon, featuring children's face painting, Brazilian food and a fantastic Brazilian band.

The afternoon's entertainment will include a Samba Brazilian show at 3:20 pm, followed by a limbo competition. DJ Olly will then keep the party going from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm.

It promises to be a colourful, lively day filled with music, dancing and fun for the whole family.

Members' Christmas Party – 5 December 2026

Our Members' Christmas Party will take place on 5 December from 6:30 pm. Tickets are available from the bar at \$60 per person.

The evening's entertainment will feature the Elvis Rock Revival band, and we will also be releasing our new club video on the night.

We look forward to celebrating another year with our wonderful members. Be sure to purchase your tickets early!

St Patrick's Day – 14 March 2027

Our St Patrick's Day celebrations have now been running for nine years at Club Hillsdale and remain one of our most enjoyable annual events.

Hundreds of people from the Irish community come together to enjoy traditional Irish meals and a full day and evening of Irish entertainment. It is a fantastic celebration of Irish culture, music, food and community spirit.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another memorable celebration.

Sip & Paint

In September, our Sip & Paint event returned by popular demand and was another outstanding success. The marquee was filled with guests painting their own canvases while enjoying champagne and a wonderful social atmosphere.

The afternoon continued into the evening, and we have already received enquiries about when the next event will take place. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such an enjoyable occasion.

A Club at the Heart of the Community

Above all, Club Hillsdale is a community club. Our aim is to provide a welcoming environment where members, families and visitors can come together, enjoy quality facilities and take part in a wide variety of social activities and events.

We are continually looking for new ways to improve our facilities, introduce exciting entertainment and create opportunities for people to connect with one another.

I would like to sincerely thank our Board of Directors for their continued support and commitment to the future of Club Hillsdale. Their proactive approach and willingness to support improvements and new initiatives play an important role in the ongoing success of our club.

I would also like to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication, and, most importantly, our members for their continued loyalty and support.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead and welcoming you to Club Hillsdale.

Carlos Becerra
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Club Hillsdale