

Wyangala Country Club – President's Annual Report 2026

It is my pleasure to present the 2026 President's Annual Report for Wyangala Country Club. This year has been one of steady progress, renewed community spirit, and continued commitment to providing a welcoming, enjoyable environment for members, visitors, and the wider Wyangala community.

Financial Review

The continued support of our members and guests plays a crucial role in maintaining the financial viability of the Club. Their loyalty underpins our ability to invest in improvements, meet compliance obligations, and plan confidently for the future.

We extend our sincere thanks to Scott Bennett of Bennett Keogh, Canowindra, for the professional work he undertakes on our behalf, ensuring our financial statements and bookkeeping remain accurate and compliant.

Our appreciation also goes to Jo White, whose bookkeeping reviews and advice provide valuable clarity and contribute to strong financial management.

Despite the high cost of essential upgrades and compliance requirements, the Club maintained financial stability through careful management and strong revenue performance. The purchase of one poker machine, first aid training, WHS compliance, and relocation of the first aid station are reflected in this year's accounts. The upcoming installation of three additional machines and the pool table refurbishment will be detailed in the 2027 financial reporting period.

Dedicated Staff & Volunteers

Our staff remain one of the Club's greatest strengths. Their professionalism, reliability, and positive attitude ensured smooth operations throughout a demanding year.

A special thank you goes to our cleaner, Glenda, whose consistent hard work ensures the Club remains a fresh, clean, and comfortable environment for all to enjoy.

We thank Jillian McCormick for her dedication to ensuring our finances are managed correctly, and Mick Booker, our Treasurer, for keeping our funds intact and spent wisely.

Our appreciation goes out to Jenny Hudson, our raffle queen, who gives her time every Friday and Saturday night to support the sub-clubs.

We also acknowledge those who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Stick maintains our grounds and carries out essential maintenance work, and Jack Meany volunteers his time weekly. Their efforts ensure the Club remains safe, functional, and welcoming.

Dave's Café & Bistro

Dave's Café and Bistro has been a wonderful addition to our Club. Lynn's cooking has become famous throughout the region, with people travelling from miles away to enjoy her exceptional meals. Guests consistently praise the quality of her food and the warm, pleasant, and efficient service provided by her staff. Their professionalism enhances the welcoming atmosphere of Wyangala Country Club.

Support from Sub-Clubs

The Club continues to be strongly supported by our sub-clubs — Golf, Fishing, Bowls, and the Fireworks Committee. Each contributes enormously to the life and spirit of Wyangala Country Club.

Their dedication to organising and delivering events for members and guests brings vibrancy, connection, and enjoyment to our community. We extend our sincere thanks to all sub-club committees for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Community & Membership

Wyangala Country Club continued to strengthen its role as a gathering place for locals and visitors. Attendance at social events, raffles, and weekend activities remained strong, demonstrating the value our Club brings to the community.

Facilities & Operations

This year required significant investment in aging plant and equipment, ensuring the Club remains safe, functional, and comfortable for all who visit. Major upgrades included:

- Replacement and repair of cool room systems
- Upgrades to air conditioning units
- Installation of new glass washer
- Additional maintenance across aging infrastructure
- Installation of new automatic doors, improving accessibility and comfort
- New website
- Upgraded ATM September 2026

Gaming & Recreation Improvements

- Purchase of one new poker machine
- Three additional machines scheduled for installation in September
- Planned refurbishment of the pool tables

These costs will appear in the 2027 Financial Report.

Compliance, First Aid & Safety

New legislative requirements introduced this year meant the Club needed to strengthen its first aid and safety capabilities. In response:

- All staff and most Directors completed accredited first aid training
- All trained personnel are now proficient in the use of the defibrillator system
- The first aid station was relocated from the office to the foyer for improved accessibility

These changes represent a significant expense and are reflected in the 2026 financial report.

We also thank Jack Thompson, who undertook and successfully completed the HSR course. His commitment ensures the Club meets its obligations and continues to provide a safe environment for everyone.

Challenges

- Rising maintenance and utility costs
- Significant expenses for replacing aging plant and equipment
- Compliance costs associated with new laws
- Volunteer availability fluctuations
- Balancing operational needs with long-term planning

Looking Ahead

The Board is constantly exploring ways to improve the comfort and overall experience within the Club. Future planning will continue to focus on:

- More regular events and improved communication
- Continued facility upgrades
- Strengthened financial resilience
- New opportunities to attract visitors and support local tourism
- Ongoing commitment to safety, compliance, and staff development

In Closing

In closing, I acknowledge the time, effort, and dedication of my fellow Directors, without whose continued commitment the Club could not operate as successfully as it does. Their vigilance in ensuring that we comply with all laws and regulatory requirements is invaluable, and their support throughout the year has been instrumental in guiding the Club forward.

Richard Flanagan *President, Wyangala Country Club*

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