



# CLUB NOWRA

## Secretary Managers Report 2026

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure to present the Secretary's Managers report for Nowra Bowling and Recreation Club for the 2025/2026 financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March. The following will outline the Clubs performance in a very challenging environment.

The Clubs total revenue of \$2,616,376.00 an increase of \$222,963.00 was overshadowed with an overall expenditure of \$2,667,180.00 leaving the club with a loss of \$(50,804.00) inclusive of depreciation. This being said the club had a trading profit prior to adding back depreciation of \$231,156.00.

### A brief snapshot:

Bar net profit – \$175,018 – An increase of 4.32%

Gaming Net Profit - \$961,858 – An increase of 12.50%

Keno Net Profit - \$47,307 – An increase of 6.01%

TAB Net Loss – (\$7,630) – A decrease in loss of \$1864.00

Bowls Net Loss – (154,794) – A saving of \$16,586.00 compared to last year.

The Clubs total income for the financial year was \$1,171,028.00 an increase of \$142,357.00 on the previous year and the expenditure of \$1,104,985.00 is an increase of \$103,865.00 on financial year 2025. Our Clubs auditor Sally Douglas from Booths accounting will provide a report of the annual financials at the AGM on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2026. Our Club membership continues to grow with an overall membership of 4,470 members.

The past 12 months has seen the Club like so many businesses continue to face many challenges as the cost-of-living pressures engulf families, the rise in inflation, interest rates, the war in Iran, the impact on supply of fuel and associated costs, these all create uncertainty in our country. As the cost-of-living pressures continue this only escalates with our suppliers as they have passed on increased expenses. These concerns and increased expenditure will continue well into 2026 and beyond.

The clubs outdoor alfresco gaming was completed in April 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 by local builders Pearce and Percy. This addition allows now 17 EGMS outside instead of the 10. Over the last 12 months this has been a positive change.

The last financial year Club Nowra continued working towards rectification of the North East Wall (bottom green). The Club contracted EMVY Architects from Wollongong to submit a development application on our behalf to Shoalhaven City Council. This was lodged back in September 2025 and approved in late November 2025. Whilst the Development application was in with Shoalhaven Council with the assistance of C2Hills consulting a Category 3 infrastructure application grant was lodged on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025. This application if successful the club would receive a grant upwards of 60% funding towards the cost of repairs. The estimated cost for the North East Wall is approximately \$250,000.00.



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On April 22nd 2026 the Club received correspondence that our application was unsuccessful. 685 applications were received with only 6% approved or 41 applications. Club Nowra will continue to apply for grants where we are able to and hope for success. The Current Development application stands for 5 years.

I wish to inform our members that on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 our tenants at 75 Osborne Street moved out of the premise after deciding not to renew their lease after 5 years occupancy. The Club has currently commissioned Integrity Real Estate Nowra to assist with leasing out the premise. At this stage we have been unable to lease the house to a suitable tenant.

The Following groups were successful in their application for Category 1 & 2 funding under CDSE (Community Development and Support Expenditure) receiving the following benefits.

- Nowra Youth Holiday Program - \$1,200
- PCYC – Shoalhaven Driver - \$1,200
- Nowra Outreach project – Community Foods - \$1,200
- Worrigeer Tigers netball association - \$1000
- SAHSSI – Homeless Hub/Women’s refuge - \$1000
- Nowra Show Society - \$1000
- Brain Cancer research - \$300.00

To all the Staff, thank you for your help, support and contribution over the last 12 months, once again we faced some challenges during this period. I would like to welcome all the staff who joined us in the last financial year. Thank you to Annie & Alex and all the staff at Rink restaurant for serving quality Chinese.

To all the volunteers who help with a wide variety of activities at the Club many thanks. To our sponsors who have contributed their time to support the Club thank you and we encourage all members to try and support them.

Congratulations to all the Pennant players who represented Club Nowra during the year. A special mention to Grade 3 pennant side who made the zone playoffs against Bega at Malua Bay, unfortunately it wasn't to be their day.

Club Nowra in Partnership with Bomaderry Bowling Club will co-host the State 4's pennant finals from Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> its sure to be another entertaining State finals at the club. This year Club Nowra will host the semi-finals and finals on Sunday.

Finally, I would like to thank President Michael Mitchell and the Board of Directors for their ongoing support and assistance. The hours that they all put in at different capacities to maintain our Club does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by myself, the staff and the members. We were saddened



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by the loss of Life member Max Watt and Director Leigh Costain. To any member who has lost a loved one, our deepest condolences.

I look forward to continuing the relationship with all stakeholders at Club Nowra in 2026/2027. Our industry is still facing uncertainty and will continue for some time; we can work through these tough times together.

Grant Hughes  
Secretary Manager  
Club Nowra