



# SAWTELL RSL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER CLUB

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Thankfully we have well passed the years of tight restrictions and numbers using the facilities of the Club has grown. Our membership numbers in 2023 reached 56 financial members. This is the first year when our membership has reverted to the usual annual membership.

In 2023 we had grown our bank balance notwithstanding the restrictions during the COVID years and committee decided to make a one off gift to the members of having the presentation dinner fully funded by the committee.

The committee doubts this can become annual so we expect there to be a charge on members for 2024 presentation dinner.

### COVID

Whilst we are out of the period of restrictions we are aware this virus is still active in this area but no longer impacting our operations.

### Tuesday Jackpot level

In 2023 there have been three jackpot winners including the last of the SUPER jackpot winners. The committee has decided NOT to accept any future offers aimed at providing another SUPER jackpot. Instead committee has increased the accumulation rate for the jackpot and the restart amount after it is won.

### Interclub Competitions

Over 2023 Woolgoolga lost its tables and we are considering whether future play with that group of players is possible.

Committee shall reconsider opening other areas of interclub play now COVID is less of a concern of course with the concurrence of the RSL club

### Our Financial Position

In 2022 and 2023 we regained the income from the Panthers football club through us manning the gate for home games now in the form of an agreed amount per home game. That is by an agreement each year with the Panthers football club. Thanks to the team who undertake that work.

Thanks are due to Bernie Couzens for his stewardship of our finances

Annual Opening balances are -

1/1/2021 \$4497.93; 1/1/2022 \$4122.03; 31/12/22 \$2969.45; 31/12/2023 \$ 956.73

During the year our balance reached a peak of \$ 7108.63 which led the committee to make the one off gift of a free presentation dinner to all members attending.

2020 to 2021 income to each monthly comp determined the prizes, but in 2022 that was doubled from club funds. In 2023 those competitions where there is income from players had their prizes doubled from club funds. The incoming committee shall need to reconsider this as our bank balance recovers from the cost for the presentation dinner.

This may require some fundraising effort from members this year to keep us in balance for the future.

### Committee Membership

Recently committee has lost two members (one of whom moved interstate, and the other was unable to continue due to work pressures) and this election year shall fill both vacancies

#### John Cornell

Since we varied the term of office for committee members from one to two years, John Cornell is our first president to serve a complete two year term of office. Thankyou John for also putting your hand up to continue on the committee for another two years other than as an office bearer. Thanks also for your leadership to the committee and the club. Your leadership has been a boon to the rest of the committee members.

### Appreciations

We especially thank the following

- RSL CEO Greg Agius for his concern that members be able to play snooker in the club and his care in maintaining the “friendly” club we know.
- RSL club managers, supervisors and staff for the assistance they continually give us and for the effort they put into care for the Snooker tables which are a great benefit to us and many club members and visitors.
- Bernie Couzens for his care for our finances over the past several years
- All the committee members for being prepared to continue to work for the improvement of play here in Sawtell and plan for the future.
- Norm Monaghan for the managing our website and making massive improvements to it.
- Peet Winney who brushes and irons the tables regularly.

We thank all members for their assistance to keep the tables regularly used and cared for.

**May we continue to enjoy Snooker and Billiards here at Sawtell for many years to come!**

**We all know we all shall need to patronise the RSL if we wish to keep the games of billiards and snooker in Sawtell RSL.**

**We absolutely believe in running snooker and Billiards so they have the least impact upon the time of the staff.**

John Cornell  
President

Anthony O’Connell  
Secretary