



A message from the President

2023 was a busy year with all committee members working on important tasks to keep the Club running successfully, keeping the building and associated documents up to date. We continued to maintain, improve and modernise our facilities including carrying out building repairs/maintenance, adding extra security, upgrading IT and installing new point of sale registers. We have also added an external defibrillator for the entire community to access if required.

I would also like to welcome the South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed to the property. The Shed's official opening by Julie Collins MP was held in December, welcoming officials from all levels of government and many from within our community. The Men's Shed joins long term community organisations the Iron Pot Golf Club and RSL Sub-Branch, in sharing the Club property and creating an even more vibrant place to visit and enjoy.

In the year ahead we aim to negotiate new lease agreements with all partners, clearly defining boundaries and expectations, to ensure the longevity and stability of the relationships between all groups who share the Club property.

Hopefully, together with the Iron Pot Golf Club, we will be able to take advantage of the proposed water supply coming across the river to our region this year.

As the new point of sale registers allow us more flexibility in our pricing, starting on 1st March we will be offering member discounts on all products in the bottleshop. Remember to keep your 2024 membership card with you!

We also aim to increase engagement with members through newsletters like this and welcome all feedback to help us improve.

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Thank you, Tony & Judy

At the end of June 2004, our Club was in financial trouble with poor trading and heavily in debt.

In July 2004 we managed to recruit Tony Sproule and his young family to take on managing the Club with immediate and positive results. Tony's first move was to set up a spit roast in the back bar on a Friday night, the smell of roasting pork or beef drifted through the bar and hot roast rolls with gravy for \$5 sold like hot cakes! Word spread and this quickly grew into the 7 day a week meal service we enjoy today.

Within twelve months the bar trade was up by 25% and continued to grow, we knew we were on a winner.

Under the stewardship of Tony and Judy, a remarkable turnaround occurred. As they built a reputation for quality meals which brought diners from near and far, provided great service and bargain bar prices, the Club has thrived. In 2010, within just 6 years, the \$360 000 mortgage was paid off.

Now debt free and with strong trading, the Club has been able to implement significant improvements to member facilities over recent years, whilst also moving into a sustainable financial position.

In July 2024, Tony and Judy will achieve 20 years' service with the Club. In recognition of their outstanding contribution over many years, at our last Annual General Meeting they were both awarded Life Membership of the South Arm RSL and Community Club.

Congratulations and thank you Tony and Judy.



President Aaron Witts presents Life Membership certificates to Tony Sproule & Judy McGuinness.

Scholarship offered for first year study

Apprenticeship, TasTAFE or University

The Club Committee is seeking applications for the South Arm RSL and Community Club Scholarship from young people who are commencing, or have commenced, an apprenticeship, traineeship or university studies in 2024.

The Scholarship provides \$2,000 to assist the successful applicant with their study expenses.

To be eligible for the Scholarship the applicant, or the applicant's parent/guardian, must be a 2024 financial member of the Club and have been a member for at least the last two years.

How to apply: download an application from southarm.tas.au/south-arm-rsl-comm-club/ or contact the Club Secretary below. Applicants are required to provide a detailed outline as to how the Scholarship will assist them with their studies.

Applications close 31 March 2024 and should be sent to:

Club Secretary, South Arm RSL and Community Club Inc.
2972 South Arm Rd, South Arm Tas 7022

For further details or an application form, contact Denae via clubsecretary@southarmrsl.com.au or phone 0484 385 871.



Club memberships due for renewal + bottleshop discounts

Membership renewals are due by 28 February for the 2024 year. Renewal forms are available at the Club or you can download from southarm.tas.au/south-arm-rsl-comm-club/.

Remember, to claim a member discount at the bottleshop from 1st March, you will need to show staff your 2024 card!

Santa drops into the Club

The Club held its annual Kids Christmas Party on the 10th December which included a free sausage sizzle for the kids, face painting and a special visit from Santa.

Santa arrived on the South Arm fire truck with gifts and lolly bags for around 20 children. The Community Emergency Responders Team was also in attendance – not to provide medical assistance but with gift bags for the children!



New members welcome at the Iron Pot Golf Club



With a new water supply expected in 2024, now's the time to join our golf club!

Membership is \$379 to February 2025 (includes membership of the RSL and Community Club).

Competition days are Wednesday and Saturday.

Email ironpotgolfclub@gmail.com for an application and more information.

SOUTH ARM RSL & COMMUNITY CLUB INC. COMMITTEE

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