



## Chairman's Message - Annual General Meeting/Election – 24 August 2016 – 6pm

Dear Fellow Member,

This communication is to thank you for the support you have shown to the Board, Management and Staff through the amalgamation process that we are undertaking with the Norths Group.

For those who couldn't make it to the Extraordinary Meeting (EGM) on 15 June I advise that we were joined by 100 members who voted unanimously for us to undertake the amalgamation. The following evening at the Norths EGM there was a unanimous vote at the Cammeray club and we were joined in a video link with seagulls (Northern NSW) where it was also a unanimous vote to support the amalgamation. Both nights were extremely positive. There is an excitement in the air.

We have just been advised that Liquor & Gaming NSW, the Government authority responsible, is processing our amalgamation application and it is expected that it will take about two months. It is envisaged that we will officially become a member of the Norths family around the middle of September once the paperwork is completed.

We are enjoying our current interaction with Norths CEO, Luke Simmons, and members of his team as we start to engage the systems that will be put in place once we become an integral part of the group. These benefits will flow to our members when we finalise the amalgamation.

It has been a long process but I am delighted that the Lane Cove Club will survive and prosper, with your support, for many years to come.

We will, however, have to have a further Annual General Meeting due to statutes and will be holding that meeting on Wednesday 24 August at 1 Birdwood Avenue, Lane Cove.

As this year is a Lane Cove Club election year (bi-annual) we will, according to law, have to have an election. I know it sounds absolutely ridiculous to have an election for a Board that will only exist for two to three months maximum, but the law is the law. Because of this I have to ask if there are any nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Director (three positions). If there are nominations, we will have to proceed to an election. Personally, I hope we don't have to go to the expense of an election for a Board whose term will expire in less than three months.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Club office and must be returned post haste so that we can hold the election on the night of the Annual General Meeting (24 August).

The current Board is willing to stay the course until the amalgamation is finalised.

Again, I thank you for your valued support and look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Wednesday 24 August.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian M Longbottom'.

Ian M Longbottom  
Chairman