

ST MARYS DIGGERS & BAND CLUB LIMITED

NOTICE OF 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of ST MARYS DIGGERS & BAND CLUB LIMITED (ABN: 14 000 589 060) will be held at the St Marys Diggers Club premises, cnr Mamre Road & Hall Street, St Marys, New South Wales on **Sunday 18 October 2026 at 10.00 a.m.**

BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 2 November 2025.
3. Officers' Reports.
4. Presentation and consideration of the Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.
5. To consider and if thought fit pass the Ordinary Resolution (as below in this Notice).
6. Discussion and Recommendations to the Board.
7. Correspondence.
8. General Business.
9. Election of Board of Directors 2026/2028.
10. Destruction of Ballot Papers Election of 2026/2028 Board of Directors.

You must register your attendance at the Annual General Meeting at Reception by 5.00 p.m. Monday 12 October 2026, or by email to janet@smdbc.com.au

QUESTIONS REGARDING REPORTS

Members who have questions in relation to the reports referred to in Item 4 of the Business (which will be available on *Friday 25 September 2026* at www.smdbc.com.au or on request via email or post), are requested to submit them to the Chief Executive Officer in writing **by 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 7 October 2026**. This will allow sufficient time for information to be gathered or research to be undertaken. If questions are not submitted in this manner, the Club may not be able to provide a complete answer at the Annual General Meeting. This does not prevent members from asking questions at the Annual General Meeting without notice, but it may be that answers to such questions cannot be given at the meeting itself.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS FOR ORDINARY RESOLUTION

1. To be passed, an Ordinary Resolution requires votes from not less than a majority (50% + 1) of those members, who being eligible to do so, vote in person on the Ordinary Resolution at the meeting.
2. Only financial Sub Branch members, financial Associate members, financial Band Club members and Life members are entitled to vote on the Resolution.
3. The Registered Clubs Act prohibits proxy voting and it also prohibits members who are employees of the Club from voting.
4. The Board of the Club requests that members vote in favour of the Resolution.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That, pursuant to the *Registered Clubs Act*, the members:

1. approve and agree to expenditure of the Club until the next Annual General Meeting for the following:
 - (a) the reasonable cost of a meal and refreshments associated with each Board meeting of the Club where the meeting corresponds with a normal meal time;
 - (b) the provision of blazers and associated apparel for the use of Club Directors when representing the Club.
 - (c) reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in travelling to and from Directors' meetings or to other meetings, including seminars, lectures, trade displays or similar, as approved by the Board from time to time on the production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure, as well as the reasonable cost of Directors attending the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting, Trade Show and Conference.
 - (d) an end of year function to be held, to be attended by Directors and their spouses/partners without charge, the cost of such function not to exceed \$10,000.00 (inclusive of GST).
 - (e) the reasonable cost of Directors attending other registered clubs for viewing and assessing their facilities and the methods of operation provided such attendance is approved by the Board as being necessary for the betterment of the Club.
 - (f) the reasonable cost of Directors undertaking training as required by the *Registered Clubs Act* and Regulations.
 - (g) the reasonable cost to the Club of providing Directors with iPads or similar devices for Directors' use at Board meetings and other purposes related to their duties as Directors.

Notes to Members in relation to the Ordinary Resolution

1. The Ordinary Resolution proposes for members to approve:
 - (a) the Club undertaking the expenditure set out in paragraph 1 of the Ordinary Resolution; and
 - (b) the Directors receiving certain benefits which are not available to all members.
2. The benefits are much the same as those approved last year and previous years.

Dated: 23 September 2026

By direction of the Board



Marlene Shipley
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CURRENT DIRECTORS OF ST MARYS DIGGERS & BAND CLUB LIMITED



ROSS FRANKLYN-SMITH - President

I am currently President of the Diggers & Band Club and have previously served on various Board Committees, including the Pipes and Drums.

My approach has been to help facilitate the objectives and strategic planning of the Club moving forward into the future for the benefit of our members and the community.

Through the Board, Management and Staff I look forward to these exciting times with the ongoing future development of both the Diggers and Band Club sites. I thank you all for your continued support.



BRETT GREENOW - Senior Vice President

As the Senior Vice President and as a Director, I have worked with the Board to upgrade facilities at the Diggers Club and to make the Club better and stronger for the long term.

The Diggers & Band Club is an efficiently managed Club that is in a sound financial position. The core of our Club and our reason for being remains our members. For that reason, I will continue to work tirelessly as part of the Board to deliver a comfortable Club environment with modern services and facilities that meet the expectations of our current and future members – making our Club the place you'd rather be.



GEORGE MCGIVERN - Director

It has been my honour to have been a member of the Board for the past 8 years.

In that time, I have been a member of several committees, such as Executive, Remuneration, Catering and Building.

I have been delighted to be able to work with my fellow Directors to unleash the many changes that have occurred within our venues and am looking forward to the next stages to continue to provide the very best experience for our members and guests.

There are exciting times ahead, and I look forward to being part of that.



ANDY WARD - Director

I have held membership of the Band Club and the RSL (Diggers) for over forty years, and have served on the Board for the last eight years.

There is still more to be done in achieving our goals.

I thank you for your support in the past, and I look forward to continuing to serve the members and give you a Club you can be proud of at St Marys Diggers & Band Club.



BOB HIGGINS - Director

I have lived in this community for over 40 years and have been a member of the Club (and the former RSL) for most of those years. I am currently serving my second term as a Director of the Diggers & Band Club. I was also a Director of the RSL when we proceeded with the amalgamation with the Band Club.

I am retired and able to commit the time and effort necessary to properly fulfill my obligations as a Director. My primary focus in this role is to ensure the members are provided with first class affordable facilities for their dining and entertainment needs, together with a desire to foster and support in-house (Bowls) and community sport.

The presence of an ethical, committed and dedicated Board, to support our talented and professional Club Management Team, is vital to the achievement of these aims.



LEE-ANN TAYLOR – Director

I have been associated with the St Marys RSL Club for over 20 years. During that time, I was Hon Secretary, then President, of the Sub Branch when the Sub Branch owned the Club. I assisted in the process and completion of the sale of the Club to the Club Limited.

For the last 10 years I have been honoured to serve as a Director of the Club. I was also the President during the amalgamation with the Band Club up until February 2020, when I became Senior Vice President. I have continued as a Director since November 2020.

I and the Board have worked tirelessly during this time to improve and grow the Club. Exciting times are upon us, and I hope to have the chance to continue to work towards making our new Club “the place to be” for the benefit of our valued members.



UWE SCHOENHERR - Director

I have been a member of both the Diggers and Band Club for many years. I served 12 years as Director of the RSL & 2 years as Club President of the RSL. I have been a Director of the Diggers & Band Club for the past six (6) years.

I see a bright future for the Club in the local community.



SAM VECCHIO - Director

I am currently a Board member of the Diggers & Band Club. I have been a Board member for the last 9 years, 3 years with St Marys RSL Board and 7 years on the current Board of the St Marys Diggers & Band Club. I am very honoured to have been involved in the negotiations for the amalgamation of the two Clubs.

My objective is to maintain the traditions of our Club and to further develop the Club's facilities for our members and staff whilst continuing the Club's support of the local community.

With the members' support I will continue to build upon the great foundations that the Board has laid to ensure that we provide the best in Club facilities and member services, and also continue the traditions of this great Club in making it an exciting and enjoyable destination we can all be proud of. I will be an honest representative of the Members and will always act in the best interests of the Members and the Club.



TERRY HANSEN - Director

I joined the Board of St Marys Diggers & Band Club in the capacity of a casual vacancy following the resignation of Director Karen Cassel.

I have many years' experience in property and property related matters, and I look forward to working with the Board on the continued growth and development of the Club, to benefit its members and the local community well into the future.