

Club President's Report – 2025 Annual General Meeting

We are in the final few weeks before opening the doors to a new chapter in Willoughby history. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions and stress, and your Board has volunteered 100% of their time to see it through. A personal Thank-you from me for their unwavering dedication.

We would also like to acknowledge our loyal members that have patiently supported us throughout the whole project stretching back to well before we closed our doors over three years ago- Thank You!

Your new Operations Team- Mario your CEO, Kellie your Operations Manager and Giri your Executive Chef have hit the ground running and have propelled the Multi -Level, Multi- Functional Ex-Services Club into an excellent pre-opening status. Their level of skills and experience has proven to be invaluable to the board- they are an awesome team.

So, a re-cap on the Club facilities.

The Memorial Gardens will be the new place for the ANZAC and Armistice Day type commemorations. The Southern side of the club will have the Memorial Walk which will be the new resting place for the Members ashes from the old club. There is also proposed to have a set of five military educational storyboards erected.

There will be three levels of Club car parking (200+ Spaces) underneath with access off Crabbes Ave. The Crabbes Ave. entrance will be the traditional main entrance with reception and access to other levels via a magnificent staircase and two elevators.

The Penshurst Street entrance will house a significant showcase of military memorabilia-We would like to acknowledge and thank Matt Vertzonis for the historic statement this will make.

The ground-level eatery will have Giri commanding your new “Flame Bistro” which boasts a great alfresco area overlooking the Memorial Gardens for those nice summer days and evenings. Giri has global experience of culinary expertise, and we were lucky to have him become one of the team just as serendipitously as the rest of the team. His last posting was a few years in Dubai, and he can’t wait to get cracking here!

The Members Lounge will be a relaxing space for all and will have a beautiful southern outlook to the Memorial Walk.

The Sports Bar will be an exciting space with the latest technology to get the best definition for all sports streaming in HD. There will KENO, TAB as well as gaming on this level.

Level 1 will be commercially rented out and potentially have the only Chinese Seafood House in Willoughby.

Level 2 will have the opportunity to facilitate a multitude of events from Weddings to Corporate Events and everything in between. This level will also be the wet-weather option for ANZAC Day type of events. The Level 2 pre-function space has great city views.

The main events space can be one big main room with 250+ capacity and can be split into three separate smaller spaces- each with individual AV technology.

The level 2 Bridal Suite / Green room will have its own bathroom facilities and private balcony access. A winner for all Brides for sure.

The roof will house all the mechanical and as much solar panels we can fit up there. We are really looking forward to showing you all around and having *that* grand opening.

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Vester Campion- President