



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009-2010

Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to start this report by thanking our long standing members for your loyalty to our Club and the many new members who have joined recently. Our members are the life-blood and the heart of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, without whom we could not exist.

To our wonderful staff I say a heartfelt thank-you, it if wasn't for your happy smiling service to our members we would not have any members and hence no Club. When I mention our staff, I include not only those at reception, on the floor, and behind the bars who we all see from time to time, but also those in the offices, cellars and kitchens, our joint venture staff in catering, entertainment and maintenance who are not so visible but without them we could not function.

I know I speak for all of the members of the Board when I say a special thank-you to Melissa Hamilton, our General Manager who is the "rudder" that has kept us on course in the rough times we have gone through in the past few years.

To my fellow Board members, you have made a great team and have given wonderful backing to myself and Melissa doing everything in your power to help keep the Club afloat. And I want our members to be aware that our Board members do all of this on a voluntary basis having decided to forego their honorariums a few years ago, thank you gentlemen.

I trust I have not missed anyone out but if I have, please forgive me, it is not intentional. I thank everyone involved in the running of our great club.

This year has not been easy for any of the Clubs in our area, including ours, but we are weathering the storm better than most and we are looking forward to the coming year with a little more optimism than last year.

We have plans for some small alterations internally that we believe will provide a more comfortable and functional atmosphere for both the members and staff. Some of these alterations have already started, as you are no doubt aware.



Without going into details, our bankers are reasonable happy with the Club's performance through a difficult year and we are introducing plans for our future that they are supporting.

The Board and the staff have done all we can to improve the services and we look forward to further improvements in the future. With your support we will still be here next year and for many years on, so stay with us and we will try to make every post a winner.

Thank you again everyone. Let us all do what we can to make sure our Club is the best on the Peninsula. We have the best people, so why not the best Club – that is what I believe.

I regret that due another commitment interstate, I am unable to attend this year's Annual General Meeting but leave the meeting in the capable hands of our Deputy Chairman, John Bell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Young".

Don Young
Chairman