

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT TORONTO DIGGERS CLUB AGM**

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

I would like to welcome all our members and their guests to our 2024 Annual General Meeting. Following on from the excellent year that we had in 2022 last year, 2023's result, although not quite as good but still an excellent result considering the cost of living rises. If the Club keeps going the way it has been I can only see it continually improving over the proceeding years.

In saying that for 2023, on behalf of the Board I would like to thank Cathy Handcock, our CEO for her excellent leadership, who has been ably assisted by Kylie Steel her Assistant. I would also like to mention the Administration staff who are working keeping matters travelling through the office. Further, let's not forget all the club supervisors, the bar and floor staff, as well as the kitchen staff with shortage of professional Chefs, they have they have prepared and presented the excellent meals delivered by the waitstaff. All the staff we have here at the club are very keen and dedicated.

I would now like to thank my fellow Board members for all their assistance and input into the decision making when needed throughout 2023 and into part of 2024. One of the decisions the Board made in November 2023 is that they saw fit appointed Jarrad Hiles, a local business owner to the Boards to fill the vacant position, which had been left following the death of Gordon Gardiner in 2022.

I believe that the influx of people still arriving in our general area and surrounding Lake Macquarie areas are still increasing from the growing number of new members we are gathering each month. I believe this has attributed to the trading figures shown for the period ending the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 with an overall profit of \$873,590.00. Again, I believe this is an excellent return for a medium sized club that has approximately 7,500 members.

I believe that this figure would never have been achieved if not for the loyalty of you, our members and your guests and I sincerely thank you for that. Again, on behalf of the Board of Directors ask you the members for that or similar support to see us through 2024 and we trust you will continue to enjoy the Club and its facilities now and into the future.

Ron (Mitcho) Mitcherson ~2~ President