

Presidents Report 2025

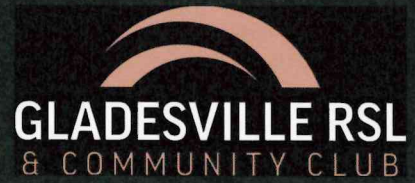
Sadly, **Jim Butt OAM** passed away on **21 November 2025**. **Jim** devoted 41 years of service to the Gladesville RSL Sub-Branch, which has included 8 years as President. Concurrently, he served the Gladesville RSL and Community Club for 32 years as a Board Member, 9 of those years as President. Unfortunately, the Sub-Branch after 103 years of supporting the veteran's and their families ceased to operate December 2025. **Jim** will surely be missed.

Our Club's Chief Executive Officer, **Mr. David Walsh**, his second year since his appointment has been an inspiration in reviewing many aspects relating to the club's performance. The experience he has bought with him from previous employment of much larger clubs has been a true windfall for our Club at large. His enthusiasm is to be admired with the constant aim of improving the clubs' facilities and activities, thus increasing patronage and profitability.

2025 has been a year of reviewing and acting on the long overdue building repairs and equipment replacement.

1. Our building suffered a leaking roof for many years causing damage to equipment, furniture and lighting. The roof where deterioration was at its worst has been at last repaired, with the balance yet to be complete. The reason for not completing the remaining area is that it supports the air conditioning towers. These towers will need to be removed to gain access to the remainder of the damaged roof. The air conditioning units mounted on these towers are at the end of their use by date and it is planned to not only repair the roof, but we will also replace the air conditioning units, thus keeping costs to a minimum.
2. Our larger passenger elevator is also in need of replacement as parts are becoming less available. The purchase order has been placed for a new Schindler elevator with the installation taking place in early to mid-2026. The unfortunate part of this replacement is that part of our coffee shop will be out of use during the lift replacement, which is expected to be approx.... 14 weeks.
3. Feasibility studies have been conducted and for our Club to remain competitive, we continue to strive for the best offering across the property. As CEO, **David Walsh** will talk about in his report, the Club will be changing Catering Suppliers, with Catering HQ starting in early 2026. Along with this change, the Club is reviewing the Ground Floor, Gaming and Coffee Shop, which will both be refurbished and as a major project, the top floor function area, which will undergo complete overhaul after the ground floor works are completed in 2027.
4. During the year the **Jordon Hall** building project had reached its completion date. Occupation certificate is expected in February 2026, which has led to purchase deposits taken, with residents ready to occupy their investment prior to Easter 2026.
5. Community interest increased during the year with the Club becoming more involved in supporting projects such as the Purple Friday Campaign, organising staff members to wear purple shirts to work, supporting – **Clubs Say NO to Domestic Violence**. On 14 November, the

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Club hosted free, on-the-spot health checks for members, having blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar measured to encourage preventative care for Gladesville locals. Managed by the "**Heartbeat of Football**" 54 members were tested and given results and appropriate advice of any next steps. It was a fantastic initiative.

See you in 2026!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Mavin".

Bob Mavin on behalf of the Board of Directors.