SHOUT!

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2015 celebrating the spirit of mateship

ARMIDALE City Bowling Club
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Throughout this year you will find within the covers of this magazine all the information on how the Club plans to celebrate the mateship that makes the Bowlo the award winning Club it is today. From promotional offerings to themed events, ensure you pick up a copy and maximise your chances of experiencing the benefits membership has to offer.

I also encourage you to visit the Club and experience first hand the tremendous renovational work the Club has invested in its function rooms. With over a half a million dollars of work completed recently, the transformation has positioned the Club as the premier provider of events in the Armidale area.

Thanks to all those customers who use the Clubs facilities allowing us to continue to live by our vision of ensuring that every dollar spent within the Clubs walls has a future within our local community.

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EASTER EGG RAFFLES!
Running all Easter Weekend

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The Power of Mateship

David Beahan
Long Tan Digger

To help celebrate the power of mateship, the Club, in 2015, will highlight long serving and influential members who have made the ultimate sacrifice and served their country in wartime conflicts.

The first of these Diggers is David Beahan. From the trenches of Vietnam and the Battle of Long Tan to a loyal member of the Armidale City Bowling Club for over fifty years, Dave’s life story epitomises the essence of mateship.

On 10 March 1945, Armidale welcomed David Beahan into the world. Dave would go on to attend St Mary’s Primary School and then De La Salle College where he completed his Intermediate Certificate in 1960 and secured a job in the mail room of the University of New England.

Five years later in 1965, he registered for National Service and in June that year his ‘marble’ was drawn out and he became part of the first intake of conscripted soldiers. The next two years would change Dave’s life forever and would become part of Australian military history when the Vietcong mortared the Nui Dat base on the night of 17 August 1966.

On the morning of the 18 August, Delta Company was ordered out on patrol to discover where the mortars had originated from. They landed in Saigon and were loaded into trucks and taken to Vung Tau which was an RC (Rest in Country) place on the beach where off duty diggers would take leave. From Vung Tau, they were transported by chopper to Nui Dat. Here their accommodation consisted of ‘hoochies’ or a plastic sheet hung between trees, this being the only thing to protect them from the tropical rain.

After about two months of service and three operations and on the verge of the rainy season, David was to become part of Australian military history when the Vietcong mortared the Nui Dat base on the night of 17 August 1966. On the morning of the 18 August, Delta Company was ordered out on patrol to discover where the mortars had been fired from. What followed would become known as the Battle of Long Tan where 108 Australian soldiers encountered more than 2500 Vietcong, sadly losing eighteen diggers and twenty-four were wounded. This Battle epitomises the Aussie Diggers’ spirit of determination and mateship. If you ask David what he remembers about the Battle he says the ‘noise, the screaming, the gunfire, the artillery, the mud and the rain’.

After Long Tan, David saw another ten months service in Vietnam. He never saw a battle similar to Long Tan however he did take part in Operation Bobbie when eight Diggers were killed and fifty to eighty Vietcong were killed or captured.

David never lost contact with home whilst in Vietnam. He said he cherished getting letters, updating him on what was going on back home. He even received correspondence from the Bowling Club when President Ken Jones would update him on the latest bowls results as well as informing him that a hat had been passed around the Club one Friday night to pay for his membership fees, this acknowledgment and friendship he still fondly remembers.

When returning from war, Dave was treated like ‘royalty’ with large parties held in his honour at both the Bowling Club and the RSL Club. He then returned to work as a Purchasing Officer at the UNE, a position he would hold for the next thirty-eight years until his retirement in 1998.

David’s story is a powerful demonstration of self-sacrifice displayed in a physical and emotional way as he recalls his experiences. The centerpiece of this story is the power that mateship and family hold for Dave.

Whilst talking to him it is evident that he wears his medals with pride, however he regards the people he fought alongside and their lasting friendships are the real trophies for serving in Vietnam. He still catches up with his Long Tan comrades regularly and in his own words, it is this support that he values even more than when the Australian Government officially recognised the heroic actions of Vietnam veterans when the ‘Welcome Home March’ was held in 1987.

Hearing Dave’s story is like no other; it is humbling to sit with him and so openly share his experiences, for this I would like to thank Dave as this is not easy for all Diggers.

A special mention must be made to Dave’s wife Ros, it is very evident that her love and friendship has helped Dave through many tough times as a result of the war. I can truly say that sharing Dave’s story has given me a greater sense of what it means to be a returned serviceman and it is an honour to call him a loyal member of the Bowlo.
One for the Ladies...

On the 22nd February we had our first ladies final to ever be played on a Sunday. This morning saw the Ladies Minor Singles final between Susan Harper and Christine Haddon. Congratulations to the winner Susan and to both ladies for being a part of a new chapter for women’s bowls at the Armidale City Bowling Club.

Come & Try Bowls

Any ladies or men interested in trying lawn bowls are welcome!

SUNDAY MORNINGS
MONDAY AFTERNOONS
THURSDAY EVENINGS

For more information please contact The Club on 6772 5666 or Reggie Clutterbuck on 6772 3649
Ski the Slopes
OR
Take the Cash
10th April to the 3rd of July

5 day ski trip and accommodation to Perisher for two people with all ski gear, lift passes and ski lessons included OR take a chance and spin the wheel for cash

Swipe your members card when visiting the Club or making a purchase at any bar or in the Bistro for a chance to win

LIVE
Be sure to mark these dates in your diary for great free live entertainment at the Bowlo lounge on Friday and Saturday nights...

27th of March from 8pm
X-Factor’s Justin Standley

APRIL
10th Richie Gudgeon
11th Sidetracked
17th Fabio
18th Karaoke
25th Peter Raymond

MAY
1st Reload
2nd Karaoke
8th Peter Raymond
9th Fabio
15th Sidetracked
16th Karaoke
22nd Fabio
23rd Peter Raymond
29th Richie Gudgeon
30th Fabio

Date Friday 8th May
Time Doors Open: 7:30pm
Opening Act: 8pm
Catherine Britt: 8:30pm
Tickets $27 adults
$15 children (under 15)
Tickets on sale now at the Club or online at www.stickytickets.com.au/24528

Catherine spent 6 years in Nashville and has toured, performed and recorded with some of music’s most respected names such as Sir Elton John, Kasey Chambers, Paul Kelly, Sir Elton John, Shane Nicholson, Jerry Salley, Tim Rogers, Dave Faulkner, John Waters & Kenny Chesney. Catherine has also worked with some of Australia’s and America’s finest producers.

Watch her live at the Armidale City Bowling Club for a show not to be missed!

2009 CMAA Female Artist Of The Year
Nominated CMC Artist Of The Year
Various ARIA Nominations
Youngest Australian to Perform at The Grand Ole Opry

ARMIDALE CITY BOWLING CLUB
Elevate Rewards has 4 tier levels: Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond.

Elevate is our members reward program. This is our way of saying thank you to the loyal members of Armidale City Bowling Club. Where you can turn your visit to the club into real rewards.

So each time you visit the club simply present your membership card at any bar or restaurant when you make any purchases to earn Elevate Reward Points.

Best of all entry to the program is free with your club membership!

Rewards are subject to change at the club's discretion. Full terms and conditions available at reception.

Player Activity Statements available upon request.
Your week at the Bowlo!

Monday
Milly Hill Lamb Cutlet Monday

Tuesday
Bingo: from 7pm
T Bone & Beer night: free drink with T bone purchase $20

Wednesday
Superdraw: from 6pm, jackpot starts at $10,000!
Raffles: tickets on sale from 6pm, plenty of meat tray prizes to be won
Membership Draws

Thursday
Mum & Dad’s Night Off: a free drink with every Ribs purchased & a ½ price kids meal with any main meal purchased
Bingo: from 7pm
Free Raffle: swipe your card or spend over $3 on any purchase from 5:30pm to gain tickets for our Free raffle drawn from 7pm
Trout Anglers Raffles: after free raffles

Friday
Raffles: tickets on sale from 6pm
Membership Draws
Free Entertainment: in the lounge from 8pm

Saturday
Fresh Seafood Night: Seafood Special, changes weekly!
Night Time Roast: $14 for one course or $20 for 2 courses

Sunday
Members Draw: from 11:30am, jackpot starts at $1,000 increasing by $100 per week!
Sunday Jackpot: Sunday Members Draws & Games from 12pm with $3,500 to be won!
Raffles: tickets on sale from 11am, drawn from 12pm, plenty of meat trays to be won
Sunday Roast: Lunch & Dinner Roast Specials

New on the menu at BISTRO GRILL

The Chefs have been hard at work creating some delicious new dishes for our Autumn menu. Our favourites include:

- Pizza Bread with basil pesto, feta and a chilli and maple butter
- Bruschetta with blue cheese, walnuts and honey
- Chicken Liver Pate
- New Zealand Mussels served with mushrooms and bacon in a red wine broth
- Oven roasted Pumpkin and Kumara salad
- Slow Cooked Lamb Shank with creamy mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and jus
- Pork Belly marinated in apple cider
- Braised Beef Cheeks in red wine
- Seafood Pappardelle in a white wine, lemon and dill cream sauce
- Mild Vegetarian Korma served with basmati rice, homemade Naan bread and fruit chutney
- Grilled Chicken Breast stuffed with capsicum, feta and fresh herbs

Treasure Chest of Luck
18th of April to the 10th of July
Jackpot starts at $1,000 and jackpots by $500 every Sunday until it reaches $5,000

Draw Times:
• Tuesday 7:30pm
• Wednesday 7:30pm
• Thursday 7:30pm
• Friday 7:30pm
• Sunday 1:30pm
LTPS/pending

*Conditions apply.
The sun has come out, and the rain has made everything lovely and green and it's wedding time. Not only are people thinking about booking their wedding, but also getting a little overwhelmed with all the planning that comes along with this.

Our wedding and event team have been busy helping our brides and grooms plan their upcoming nuptials, and as we look after a number of weddings each year, we have some tips and tricks that we can pass on to help your day run smoothly.

Firstly, trust your wedding planner. Our team do this often so we know what will work when it comes to the order of your reception, how to set your room, where the tables will work best, and many other aspects of your reception. We are also there behind the scenes to smooth out any issues that may arise and make sure your day runs to plan.

To get the best from your wedding planner, make sure you give them an idea of what you want your day to look like and send through plenty of photo’s (the internet and Pinterest are a great source for this), and even show us your invitations so we can put everything together to make a theme that runs throughout your day.

Less is often more. We all want a big extravagant wedding but these come with a big extravagant budget. So for those who want large bunches of roses but can’t afford them, look at what else could substitute while still giving you the same feel. Hydrangeas, when in season are very pretty and with only a few stems, you can create a look of a full bunch of flowers for a fraction of the price. Another great tip for table decorations is to use your bouquets on your bridal table. Spread along the table with some tea lights in between can be a very effective and pretty look without the added cost.

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to planning your wedding, and our team is on hand to help you throughout the process. So if you are thinking of getting married soon, why not contact us to book an appointment to have a chat with one of our wedding planners and to look at our newly renovated rooms.

Making occasions memories,
Samantha Crick

Suzie is one of Australia’s best Psychic Mediums with a reputation for incredibly accurate, detailed messages in her readings. Her ability to communicate with spirit began after a near death experience when just 7 years old, Suzie has developed this gift which has taken her around the world, performing demonstrations, shows and readings. She also teaches courses and has written a book, “Ghost Whisperer Suzie - Heaven on Earth” – (a journey through her life to share her experiences, thoughts and beliefs).

Suzie has been interviewed on numerous radio programs and has appeared on TV, and also had articles written about her in Australia's top magazines.

In 2014 Suzie was awarded by the International Psychic Association the “2014 Psychic People’s Choice Award”.

Thursday 26th March
Doors Open 7pm
Tickets $30.00
To purchase a ticket visit her website

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Some of the businesses who are partnering with us include;

- DJ’s Fruit Market, Market Fresh
- Jackson Meats
- IGA
- Armidale Lawn Mower and Chainsaw
- Hanna’s
- Sportspower
- Independent Sports
- Wards Windscreen Obrien
- Hello world travel
- Cliff Wright Motors
- Big Light Blub
- Armidale Pet Shop
- Turners of Armidale
- NE Trophies
- Mount View Pharmacy
- Moxon’s Bakery
- Carr’s Newsagency
- Bakers Delight
- First National Real Estate
- Armidale Taxi’s

For more information on what we will be offering in this partnership, come and speak with one of our team.
The Armidale City Bowling Club, helping to bring the Local Armidale Business Community together.