President's Christmas Update

Dear Members,

As we approach the festive season, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support of our wonderful Asquith Club throughout the past 12 months. Your loyalty and community spirit have truly been the gift that keeps us going.

It has certainly been a roller-coaster year—one that tested us, strengthened us, and proved once again that the Asquith spirit is alive and thriving. Now, with Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, we look forward with optimism, determination, and some exciting plans for 2026!

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM in October. While we reported a loss for the year, our EBITDA performance remained strong with a $200k+ profit and stable cash reserves of around $660k. This provides the club with a solid foundation as our new Board and Management prepare to make important decisions to secure and grow our future.

Our newly elected Board comprises Steve Wilson (President), Paul Willis (Vice-President), Richard Pilgrim, Sarah Cormeo, and our three new Directors—Greg Bellenger, Quentin Price, and Scott Burrows. I warmly welcome our new Board members and sincerely thank all of them for their dedication and service. I am confident we have the right team to lead the club into its next chapter.

We also express our gratitude to our outgoing Directors—John Maher, Gary Barton, and Michael Loneragan—for their commitment and leadership during a challenging period. Gentlemen, thank you, and we hope to see you enjoying everything the club has to offer for many years to come.

Financially, the year has been steady, and the club is performing in line with expectations. While the new financial year began with some early challenges, our results have strengthened as we approach the Christmas period. Overall, we are tracking positively, and the outlook for the months ahead is encouraging as we move into one of the busiest and most enjoyable times of the year.

Many of you may not know that our club proudly supports numerous local sporting groups, fishing clubs, and Beyond Blue through our Bowling sub-club. We're committed to giving back—but to continue doing so, we need your ongoing support by visiting the club, enjoying our facilities, and being part of our community.

Our Bistro is ready to delight you this festive season, with Dev and his team serving great quality meals at excellent prices. Whether you're here for a bite to eat, a chat in the lounge, or a casual flutter, the club is the perfect place to relax with family and friends.

Don't forget our Twilight Bowls every Wednesday from 6–8pm—everyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned bowler or trying it for the first time. Arrive around 5:30pm to register and enjoy a 20% discount on restaurant meals ordered before play. Twilight Bowls runs until 17 December and resumes on 14 January 2026.

A big congratulations to all our bowling champions and runners-up this year, and especially to our mighty Grade 3 and Grade 6 sides for winning their Regional flags and representing us proudly at State level. You've put the Asquith Roos on the map! We also celebrate our new Club Champion, Scott Burrows, along with Matt Wyatt and Torin Chen on their selection for upcoming Regional squads. Well done to all—your achievements are an inspiration.

As we head into the holidays, I extend special thanks to our Life Members—Joan, Danny, David (our thoughts are with you), Ross, Greg, Wal, Doug and Mon—and to Karin and her committee, as well as Danny and his committee, for your ongoing work and commitment. To our valued sponsors: thank you for standing by us. And to our dedicated staff: you are the heartbeat of this club, and we appreciate everything you do.

Please keep an eye on holiday trading hours as you plan your festive visits.

On behalf of the Board and Management, I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year. Here's to a wonderful 2026!

Warm regards,
Steve Wilson
President, Asquith Club