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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the next Annual
General Meeting of Blacktown Workers Club Ltd
ACN 000 858 006 (the "Club") will be held at Workers Blacktown,
55 Campbell Street, Blacktown, New South Wales 2148
at 9.00am Sunday 5 May 2024.

President's Report



Hello Members.

This will be the last Journal Report that I write as your President and a Director of our three great Clubs.

This is because I have decided that the time is right for me to retire from the Club and won't be standing for re-election in the Board of Directors elections which

will take place at 10am-7pm on Friday 26th -Sunday 28th of April.

This was a very heart wrenching decision for me to make as I have always loved what I do and have been very proud and privileged to be a Director, Jnr Vice President and Vice President for the first 13 years on the Board and then the next 16 years as your President.

This could not have been achieved without the support of my family and you, our Club Members who have shown me so much support, kindness, encouragement, and respect as I have moved through those years. I have made many friends along the way, both past and present, which has made a hugely positive impact on my life.

I have had a long association with the Club for over 50 years. I was employed at the Club from 1973 for 13 years after answering an advertisement to cover the position of Jan Wallace whilst she took maternity leave. When she returned, I covered many positions in the office, the last working in the Entertainment Office for many years.

I then started my own promotions company doing Bingo, Raffles and Poker Machine Promotions in various Sydney Clubs including Blacktown where I called Bingo for many years; so, you can see the strong connection I have always had with the Club. The members asked me to stand for the Board in 1995 and no one was more surprised

than me when I gained a position on the Board. My company operated for 37 years until I closed it in 2022.

I have seen many changes during this time with Board Members, CEOs, Managers and Staff and thank them all for their contribution to the Club as we keep moving forward to make our Club what it is today. Each generation keeps adding to the Club's progress and we must always remember our Old Tin Shed Members and Directors who started our Club in 1955 and had their dream and initiative to start this great community organisation.

It would be remiss of me not to thank and acknowledge the wonderful contribution from our members who step up and volunteer as coaches, trainers, and committee members of all of our Sporting Bodies. Their efforts are a huge contribution to the success of our Clubs. I must also give credit to our many staff who give their time to help the charities and people in need in our

Many things have changed but our Club will keep moving forward. Thank you to the Current Board of Directors, CEO Morgan Stewart, our Executive Managers, and Staff for all the time and effort you all put in to work with the changes. Morgan, the Board and I have already been working on some amazing ideas and I will be watching as they come into fruition.

You have a good Board that supports the members and longevity of our Clubs. I hope you continue to support them as you did me. Morgan Stewart is a strong and passionate leader who will take the Club where it needs to go and make all generations proud of our Clubs.

I feel I needed to tell you all this in my report as it could be the last time I get the chance to tell you how much our Clubs and people connected with the Clubs have been in my life and what they mean to me. It has been more than two thirds of it and has brought me so much enjoyment and satisfaction, meaning that it will be so hard for me not to be part of it.

I feel now as I get older and have some minor health issues the time has come to spend more time with my family, my husband, 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren who have always been there for me throughout my life.

I consider myself a very lucky lady.

I will certainly still be around the Club and watching what is happening. If you see me please say hello.

Please check out all the events and entertainment coming to the Club for your enjoyment.

Our 2024 AGM will be held on Sunday 5th May, at 9.00am where it will be my last official duty as President to conduct this AGM and I am looking forward to seeing you there to have your say and cast your vote for the Executive positions which includes President, Snr. Vice President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report.

Take care and Be Kind to Each Other.

Kay Kelly

Club President Workers Lifestyle Group





ceo's Report



Hello Members,

As we progress into 2024, I want to bring you up to speed on what is shaping as an important year for our clubs in Western Sydney.

Firstly, I must record our heartfelt appreciation and admiration of Kay Kelly, who recently informed us that after 16 years as Workers Lifestyle Group

President her last official duty would be to chair our Annual General Meeting on May 5th.

This is a momentous change for our clubs. I have valued her guidance, support and friendship and remain proud of what we have all achieved together.

After 16 years as President, as a director since 1995 and as a member since 1976, Kay has become a great figure in the life of our clubs, our members and community.

She has provided wise and steady leadership, with more than 5,000 hours of personal volunteering, and is a fine model of women's rights and female achievement.

We look forward to seeing you often around Workers Blacktown, Workers Sports and Workers Hubertus Kay. Well done and thank you.

You might be aware that the NSW Government is reviewing ClubGRANTS; the scheme by which registered clubs like Blacktown Workers and Blacktown Sports can contribute directly to our community, sporting groups and charities.

We have made a strong submission to this review, calling on the State Government to support and strengthen the most important element of ClubGRANTS, which is local decision-making

about the distribution of grants to the community we know.

Under the ClubGRANTS system, Workers Blacktown and Workers Sports distribute Category 1 grants to community projects, as recommended by the Blacktown Local Committee (comprising Blacktown City Council and representatives of community interests and local clubs). Under Category 2, our clubs receive applications from community groups and make grants directly to

For the first time last year, ClubsNSW published all 13,000 grants decisions statewide, highlighting the substantial social and community impacts. While the publication of this has led to some scrutiny about certain grants, we consider that it is essential for the scheme to be transparent.

We believe that the system is not perfect and should be regularly reviewed. We believe that the basis of the ClubGRANTS criticism is mostly unwarranted and unfortunately comes from some who appear less concerned about Clubs supporting local community organisations and more concerned about running down the registered club industry at any opportunity.

Be that as it may, Workers Lifestyle Group continues to be an authentic corporate citizen, with our 55,000-plus members, our staff and our directors all being very proud of our community funding, support and engagement.

Thanks to your support of the Workers Clubs in the vear to August 31. Workers Blacktown and Workers Sport contributed \$962,748 through ClubGRANTS in cash grants (78% of the total) or in-kind support, to 62 organisations.

All the recipients are local community groups, or they have projects in our area. Many of you will know these organisations well - the majority of them are completely independent of Workers Lifestyle Group clubs, except for our support of their great work.

Including ClubGRANTS our club's annual contribute approximately \$2.8 million value to the community in grants, facilities and benefits. We support more than 100 community and sporting groups, charities and schools.

Workers run one of the largest private sporting complexes in Australia, provide sporting facilities for 7,000 Western Sydney children and adult competitors, and support 29 sporting and leisure groups for you to enjoy.

As detailed further in this journal, we are funding a major health campaign, Western Sydney Changing Diabetes, to the tune of \$500,000 over 5 years and we have committed an additional \$500,000 toward combating domestic and family violence in our community.

We support the words of Gaming and Racing Minister David Harris in announcing the review: "Registered clubs are part of the social fabric in local communities across NSW, and the ClubGRANTS scheme helps to provide vital local services, projects and infrastructure."

We hope to host a visit to Workers Blacktown by Minister Harris soon and I look forward to continuing this very important conversation with him.

This month, as part of the Western Sydney Changing Diabetes campaign, we are rolling out the 2kg Challenge to Workers Lifestyle Group members.

The point of the 2kg Challenge is that simple lifestyle changes can significantly lessen diabetes risk; losing as little as 2kg weight can reduce your risk of contracting Type 2 diabetes by as much as

The Blacktown City Art Prize and Young Artist Prize exhibition is open for viewing, free at the Leo Kelly Arts Centre until April 15. As a proud sponsor of the Blacktown Arts Prize, Workers Lifestyle Group congratulates winners, finalists and all who entered their work.

Catherine O'Donnell won the Blacktown Arts Main Prize for her Gilded Communities. Catherine's work memorialises Western Sydney's once-ubiquitous fibro housing, gilding small models with gold leaf to raise issues around housing affordability, architecture, and suburbia.

Winner of the First Nations Artist Prize is Nathan Dawson for Loss of Identity/Culture.

Although Christmas is already barely a memory for many of us. I should report to you that our Annual Christmas Fair raised \$15,000 for the Better Foundation. The funds going to improvements at Blacktown Hospital children's ward.

Also, our annual Tin Shed Lunch on December 1st paid tribute to more than 600 Workers Lifestyle Group members who have belonged to our clubs for more than 50 years. Stalwarts, each and every one of them!

Please mark 9.00am on May 5th for the Workers Lifestyle Group AGM in your diaries. As well as farewelling Kay as President, I look forward to providing updates to Membership on our great

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Clubs. We appreciate your choice to visit our venues. This support enables us to continue to provide great products and service and to give back to our local community.

Finally, on behalf of our staff, management team and directors, our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones recently. If you are having difficulties or you know others who are struggling, please get in touch with our Workers Welfare Team; they can help or can guide you to other support services.

See you around our Clubs.

Morgan Stewart

Chief Executive Officer Workers Lifestyle Group

HAPPY RETIREMENT KAY 50 Nears of Service

1998



After 16 years as Group President and more than 50 years' remarkable service to Workers Lifestyle Group, our clubs and the broader Blacktown community, Kay Kelly has made the difficult decision to retire.

Kay has decided the time has come to spend more time with her family, her husband, four children, nine grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

It is truly the end of an era and we are so sad to see Kay step down as our President. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for the fantastic and vibrant clubs she has been instrumental in building and the legacy she has left us all.

While her final official task will be to preside at the Workers Lifestyle Group Annual General Meeting on May 5, we are glad to say that she will still be around the club catching up with members with whom she has spent, in many cases, decades of friendship and service.

Kay has had such a positive impact on all of us at Workers Lifestyle Group and she remains a true friend.

Nobody else at our clubs today has given such service, or been involved in as much change.

1998 Board of Directors



Kay's achievements are embodied by her warm-hearted and highly effective leadership as President, Vice-President and as longterm board member, as an independent businesswoman, as staunch supporter of Blacktown community and charity groups, and as a pioneer of women's rights and equal opportunity.



2009 Race Sponsor at Hawkesbury Races

President's Report

Hello Members.

This is my first Journal as your Club Presiden I feel very honored to be in this position and thank all the members who voted for me and the Board in the recent elections and at the AGM. Congratulations to all my fellow Directors on your re-election especially Terry O'Loughlin on becoming Vice President and Shirley Carpenter unopposed as Treasurer.

I would like to thank the Board members, Frank and Management for their assistance as I ease into the position.

I have been asked what I am going to change at the Club. I am not changing anything, as the Board is a team. There is no "1" in team and we will all work collectively with Management to try and make the right decisions for the members and the longevity of our Club into the future.

Members would be aware that there has been negative publicity and complaints regarding the Club elections. The accusations are in the hands of the Office of Liquor & Gaming and investigations are out of our hands until their findings are complete. Members will be kept informed of the outcome.

We have wonderful Staff at the Club and I would like to thank them all for the time and effort they put in to make the Club a happy and safe experience for our members. Please treat them all with the courtesy they deserve and the way you like to be treated.

Les Bassett, our Welfare Officer is always on hand to lend a hand and ear to the sick and bereaved. On behalf of us Les, thank you for everything you do for the members well above your requirements. It is very much appreciated.

Thanks also to all our Sporting Body Committees for all the hours of commitment you make to ensure your particular sport is successful, fun and available for Club members and their children.

I realize I have thanked a lot of people but there are so many who do wonderful things to help make our Club what it is.

The media has reported that there is doom and gloom in the Club Industry. Yes, a lot of clubs are suffering with loss of revenue due to extra taxation, non smoking legislations and the economy overall. We are tackling all these problems, so bear with us with the building disruptions as we endeavour to make your Club the place you wish to be with your friends.

I am available to speak to anyone who wishes to approach me when I am in the Club: however Club matters would then be referred to Management.

It would be remiss of me not to advise members that I will be away on a personal overseas trip that was booked last year. The Club will be in good hands, with Les Winters filling in for me. I will still be in contact with the Club on relevant issues.

Keep smiling and be kind to each other,

Kay Kelly PRESIDENT





This was recognised by industry last year when she was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2023 Clubs and Community Awards.

Kay joined the staff of Blacktown Workers Club, as it was then known, in 1973 and worked in a variety of positions, including a long stint in the Entertainment Office. She became a club member in 1976.

Kay was first elected to the Board in 1995, was honoured with Life Membership in 2006 as well as becoming Vice-President, and in 2008 became President, a position she has held continuously since.

During all that time, while raising her family, Kay ran her own promotions company for 35 years, and somehow also found the time to contribute more than 5,000 hours to volunteering.

Kay is esteemed in the NSW club industry as a pioneer of women's rights. To this day, there have been very few women board leaders of registered club groups.



2012 Director Maureen Mackey & Kay Kelly





2013 Turning the sod at Workers Sports Bowling Green

Among the many highlights of Kay's leadership was the \$30 million development of Blacktown's premier sporting precinct at Workers Sports club and the amalgamation into the group of Hubertus Country Club (now Workers Hubertus).

Kay was strongly committed to the Group's decision to undertake the Parkside Lifestyle over-55s development and through her work leaves with the board, a lasting legacy for The Workers Lifestyle Group.



2014 Purchase of Hubertus Country Club







2015 Clubs & Community Awards for Domestic Violece



2019 Group Picture at Workers Blacktown

Under Kay's leadership, Workers Lifestyle Group has committed \$500,000 over five years to our drive against domestic and family violence and another \$500,000 to the Western Sydney Changing Diabetes early detection and prevention campaign.

She has been instrumental in the Annual Children's Christmas Party becoming a treasured event for the members families.

On behalf of our 55,000 Workers Lifestyle Group members, 200 staff and thousands of other Blacktown district people who have benefited from Kay's good works, we thank you Kay Kelly and we honour your decades of service.

2021 First CEO & Co Winter Sleep Out







Take Care and Be Kindto Each Other

2023 Club Grants Recipients



AT THE WORKERS! · · · · ·





SPEND \$20 & GET \$20 FREE!

SATURDAY

WORKERS **BLACKTOWN** \$2,500

SUNDAY

WORKERS SPORTS \$3,000

SUNDAY

HUBERTUS \$1,500

ON SALE FROM 1.00PM | DRAWS 3.00PM

GOOD FRIDAY SEAFOOD RAFFLE

\$2,000 WORTH OF SEAFOOD TO BE WON!

WORKERS SPORTS FRIDAY 29TH MARCH ON SALE FROM 4.30PM | DRAWS 6.30PM 10 NUMBERS FOR ONLY \$1

EASTER SUNDAY

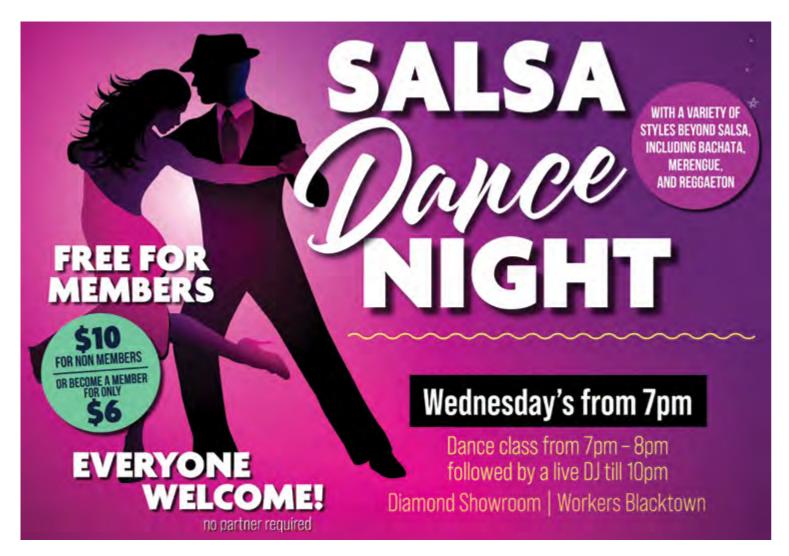
FREE EASTER EGG HUNT AT WORKERS SPORTS

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH FROM 11.00AM INCLUDING FREE FACE PAINTING SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



EASTER LONG WEEKEND EUCALYPTUS \$60 SEAFOOD PLATTER | \$2 OYSTERS* **SURF & TURF SPECIAL**

EASTER LONG WEEKEND BLUE GUM \$20 SEAFOOD BASKET SPECIAL*

















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TICKETS \$45 EACH

DOORS OPEN 7:30PM

*Ticketed entertainment is correct at time of printing but subject to change. Shows are 18+ unless advertised. No refund or exchange. Terms and conditions apply.



TONY AS ROBBIE

TICKETS \$45 EACH

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM





TICKETS ON SALE AT

WORKERSLIFESTYLEGROUP.COM.AU

OR FROM MEMBER SERVICES AT WORKERS BLACKTOWN SCANME







PETER POWERS

TICKETS \$40 EACH

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM

DIAMOND



DOORS OPEN 7:00PM



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LIVES Free THE JACMAC

LOUNGE



THE HYPE BOYS

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH | 8PM

THE HYPE BOYS ARE THE PREMIER AUSTRALIAN ROCK BAND, FUSING ALTERNATIVE ROCK, INDIE ROCK, POP ROCK, STRAIGHT-UP ROCK AND SINGER-SONGWRITER VIBES INTO A TRULY UNIQUE AND DYNAMIC SOUND.

THE ULTIMATE LUKE COMBS TRIBUTE SHOW

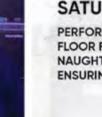
SATURDAY 13TH APRIL | 8PM

THE SHOW WILL GIVE EVERYONE THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A FULL SHOW OF LUKE COMBS SMASH HITS. REMEMBER BEER NEVER BROKE YOUR HEART AND YOU CAN NEVER HAVE 1, 2 MANY.



PARTY ANTHEM BAND SATURDAY 25TH MAY | 8PM

PERFORMING NOTHING BUT PROVEN DANCE FLOOR FILLERS FROM THE 70'S, 80'S, 90'S AND NAUGHTIES TO CURRENT CHART TOPPERS. **ENSURING THE ULTIMATE PARTY ATMOSPHERE!**

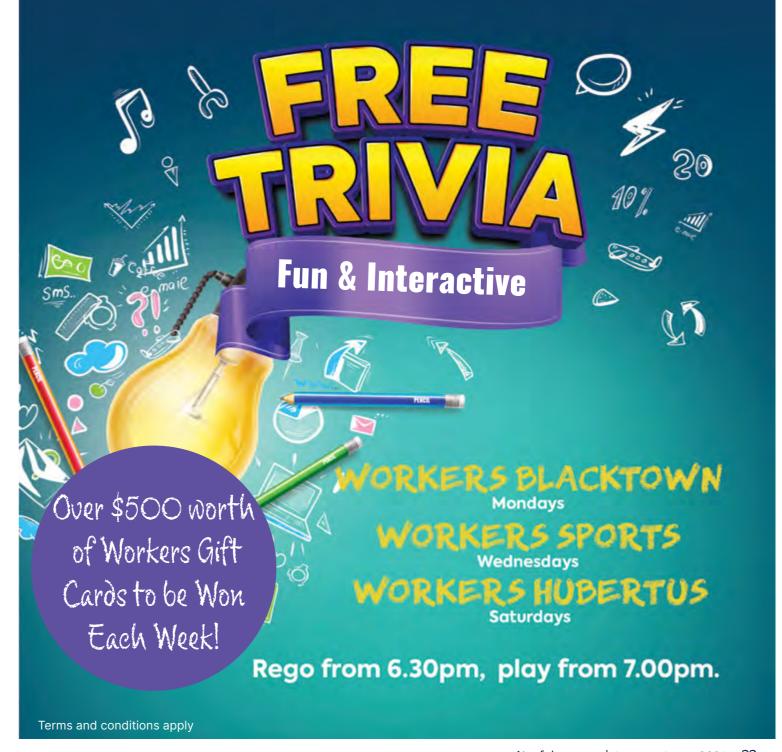














TAYLOR SWIFT ☆ & BESTIES ☆

WORKERS BLACKTOWN

Doors open 10.30am | Pre show disco 10.30am - 11am | Show 11am - 12pm



Terms and conditions apply. Adults and Kids under 3 years are free.



FREE DISNEY PIXAR TRIVIA

Join us at Workers Sports & Workers Hubertus for FREE school holiday trivia. Be quizzed on Disney & Pixar movies, its fun for all ages.

Workers Sports Workers Hubertus Friday 19th April 11.00am rego | 11.30am start

FREE LEGO WORKSHOP

Don't miss out on this chance to spark your child's imagination and ignite their passion for creativity. Join us for lots of fun, laughter, and endless LEGO possibilities. Let the building adventures begin!

Workers Blacktown Wednesday 17th April 10.30am Scan QR Code to register





FREE FAMILY MOVIE TRIVIA

Join us at Workers Sports for FREE Family Movie Trivia.

Workers Sports Wednesday 24th April 6.30pm rego | 7pm start

Terms and conditions apply to all school holiday activities.







of war on individuals, families, and communities. It is a day to honor the memory of the fallen, to acknowledge the resilience of those who served, and to reaffirm a commitment to peace, freedom, and the values for which they fought. Anzac Day remains a vital tradition, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten and their legacy lives on for future generations.

JOIN US FOR A

FAMILY FRIENDLY DAY WITH

FACE PAINTING | LIVE MUSIC FOOD SPECIALS | LIVE FOOTY

ANZAC DAY GAMES













What's On













MONDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 10.30am Messy Makers **WORKERS BLACKTOWN 6.30pm Free Trivia** WORKERS SPORTS 6.30pm Poker

TUESDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 10.15am Free Bingo WORKERS BLACKTOWN 6.30pm Cash Housie

WEDNESDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 10.15am Free Bingo WORKERS SPORTS 6.30pm Free Trivia WORKERS BLACKTOWN 7.00pm Salsa Night

THURSDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 10.00am Cash Housie **WORKERS HUBERTUS 12.00pm Bingo WORKERS BLACKTOWN 4.30pm Meat Raffle** WORKERS BLACKTOWN 7.30pm Weekly Jackpot Draw



FRIDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 10.15am Free Bingo WORKERS BLACKTOWN 1.00pm & 5.00pm Mahjong **WORKERS BLACKTOWN** Live Music - See Website **WORKERS SPORTS 4.30pm Meat Raffle** WORKERS HUBERTUS 5.00pm Meat Raffle

SATURDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 1.00pm Meat Raffle WORKERS HUBERTUS 7.00pm Free Trivia WORKERS BLACKTOWN 7.30pm Free Live Music WORKERS SPORTS 8.00pm Free Live Music

SUNDAY

WORKERS BLACKTOWN 11.30am Cash Housie **WORKERS HUBERTUS 12.00pm Poker** WORKERS HUBERTUS 12.00pm Free Live Music WORKERS HUBERTUS 12.00pm Meat Raffle WORKERS BLACKTOWN 1.00pm Free Live Music **WORKERS SPORTS 1.00pm Sunday Meat Raffle** WORKERS SPORTS 12.00pm Free Live Music **WORKERS SPORTS 5.30pm Poker** ALL WORKERS VENUES 7.30pm Birthday Draw Held on the last Sunday of the month

Connect^{*}

SUPPORTING LOCALISED COMMUNITY **GROUPS AND PROGRAMS THROUGH CLUBGRANTS**

Workers Lifestyle Group welcomed the NSW Government's decision to hold a community consultation as part of its review of the ClubGRANTS scheme.

Community engagement and community building are at the core of Workers Lifestyle Group's mission.

We have made a submission to the ClubGRANTS review, asking it to secure and strengthen the community-building and local decision-making principles that should be central to a properly functioning ClubGRANTS, by strengthening the authority of Local Committees.

Our clubs directly contribute more than \$2.8 million annually to the wider Blacktown community in grants, facilities and benefits. Through ClubGRANTS and our direct outreach, we assist more than 100 community and sporting groups, charities and schools.

Workers Sports operates one of Australia's largest privatelyowned sporting complexes. Our clubs provide facilities for 7,000 Western Sydney sports people, children and adults, and support 29 sporting and leisure groups.

We take a whole-of-community approach to developing Blacktown's public amenity, health and wellbeing. Within that, ClubGRANTS helps us address community need and disadvantage. In particular, our co-operation with Blacktown Local Committee and Blacktown City Council enables us to hear and respond to the funding needs of smaller, localised community groups and programs. It is these groups, with their individually small but valuable functions in our community, that are most at risk from abolition or radical alteration of ClubGRANTS.

Examples of these localised community groups and programs are Blacktown Women's & Girls' Health Centre, Carevan Blacktown and DRG Stitches Collection.



BLACKTOWN WOMEN'S & GIRLS' HEALTH CENTRE

We have been consistent supporters of this excellent local not-for-profit organisation, because we see it making a real contribution to the rescue and recovery of women and girls who have survived violence and abuse in the home. It is an end-to-end service that provides, among other things, emergency services, early assessment, safety planning, trauma response and health referrals, and support groups.



CAREVAN BLACKTOWN

Carevan Blacktown, which is staffed by local volunteers, has been active for more than 12 years. It has operated a weekly hot meal service at Lalor Park Community Hall that brings together homeless, hungry and socially-isolated people. Carevan also distributes takeaway food packages, collects and distributes fruit and vegetables from local businesses, conducts blanket and clothing appeals, and distributes hygiene and care products. Because of its excellence, we chose Carevan Blacktown as the recipient of our 2023 CEO and Co Winter Sleepout fundraiser.



DRG STITCHES COLLECTION

Our clubs are long-time supporters of DRG Stitches, a unique local charity that creates therapy dolls and operates a community café to raise funds and run artsfocused programs for people with health, cultural and financial disadvantages, with an emphasis on First Nations communities. Therapy dolls are also donated to children's charities. Last year, we helped fund a neighbourhood centre and youth drop-in activities, focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This project, in coordination with the Wolkara Elders Group, provides a range of activities, including an Open Arts drop-in program. Our ClubGRANTS to First Nations welfare and reconciliation activities recognise the role and significance of Blacktown City's large Indigenous community.









ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY RAISES \$15,000

The Workers Lifestyle Group's annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 3, from 10am to 3pm at Blacktown Showgrounds, with funds raised going to Blacktown Hospital children's ward, via the Better Foundation.

The day included amusement rides, shows on the main stage, a petting zoo and face painting. There was also a very special visit from Santa and friends.

Market stalls sold food, drinks and other products with funds raised throughout the day by the Club going directly to help the children's wards at Blacktown Hospital. This year \$15,000 was presented to the Better Foundation by the Workers Lifestyle Group's Board of Directors.

The Better Foundation was created in 2016 to support Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals.

The Foundation works with local communities and have so far raised over \$2.4M of vital funds for state-of-the-art equipment, world's best practice research and advanced education for doctors, nurses and clinical staff.

Workers Lifestyle Group has been a longstanding supporter of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals.

Last year Workers Lifestyle Group donated around \$50,000 to the hospitals via the Better Foundation, for things like asthma testing equipment, bedside bottle warmers for newborns and glucose monitoring sensors for people undergoing insulin therapies.





WORKERS DELIVER CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO MEALS ON WHEELS IN BLACKTOWN

Our team at Workers Lifestyle Group created 350 Christmas Hampers for Meals on Wheels to deliver to people in the Blacktown community. We know Meals on Wheels clients look forward to these hampers every year and this year Workers team members went above and beyond to source welcome treats and staples for inclusion in the hampers.



MEMBERS DIG DEEP FOR JUNAYA THROUGH OUR GIVING TREE

Workers Club Group members generously donated Christmas presents to 40 local families via Junaya Family Development Services.

Junaya told us that the presents members donated through our Giving Tree at Workers Blacktown and Workers Sports were the only gifts children in some families received at Christmas time. So thank you to our members for your Christmas kindness.

Junaya Family Development Services is a non-government, community-based organisation providing services for families within Blacktown LGA. Their programs work with families to address some of the challenges that can make caring for kids and managing a family difficult.











CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF THE WORKERS LIFESTYLE GROUPS SPONSORED **BLACKTOWN CITY ART PRIZE**

Congratulations to Catherine O'Donnell for her artwork Gilded Communities winning the Blacktown Arts Main Prize. Once synonymous with state housing and western Sydney, this style of fibro houses is now slowly being phased out and replaced. By gilding these small models in gold leaf, the houses become treasures, speaking to issues around housing affordability, architecture, and suburbia.

The winner of the First Nations Artist Prize was awarded to Nathan Dawson for his artwork Loss of Identity/Culture.

Workers Lifestyle Group are proud sponsors of the Blacktown Arts Prize and congratulate all the winners and finalists.

The Blacktown City Art Prize and Young Artist Prize exhibitions are open to the public at the Leo Kelly Arts Centre in Blacktown until Friday 15 April 2024. Members are encouraged to take advantage of the free entry to see artwork by some of Blacktown's finest artists.









Register here

Did you know that as little as 2kg of weight loss, can lower your risk of type 2 diabetes by 30%?

Type 2 diabetes affects major organs, including your heart, blood vessels, nerves, eyes and kidneys.

Over time, that can cause serious health problems, such as heart disease, vision loss and kidney disease.

Also, factors that increase your risk of diabetes are risk factors for other serious diseases including some cancers.

Join the 2kg Challenge today!









*T&Cs apply. Go to 2kgchallenge.com.au for further information







Terms and conditions apply.











Welfare Report



Hello Members,

Looking after the welfare of our club members is important to us.

If you've suffered a loss, or vou're facing health or family difficulties, or if you just need to chat, our

Workers Welfare Officer is here for you.

And if you know of another club member who is ill or could do with a friendly visit, please let us know.

You can contact Workers Welfare Officer Harold Becker on 0410 602 418 or call 9830 0600 to leave your details with our Members Services team and we'll be in touch.

We welcome many organisations to meet at the club and they welcome new members. So if you want to join a friendly group to volunteer or socialise, or meet others like you, please call one of the organisers to find out more.

| Dementia Support Group Carers & loved ones | Harold 02 9830 0600 |
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| Inner Wheel Club Fundraise & social | Robyn 02 9489 4769 |
| Stroke Club Carers & loved ones | John 02 9622 5638 |
| Lantern Club Fundraising & social | Marjorie 0449 172 633 |
| Probus Club Social & travel | Judith 0416 190 743 |
| Rotary Club Blacktown Fundraise & social | Paul 0424 026 343 |
| Travel Club Social & travel | Rose 0436 965 629 |
| View Club Fundraise & social | Heather 0402 260 702 |
| Golden Club Social & travel | Pamela 02 9629 5434 |
| Waratah Slimmers Support with weight loss | Kerry 0413 279 293 |

Group Contacts

Harold Becker

Welfare Officer 0410 602 418



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Hello members,



REPORT

Year to date (January to December 2023), I am pleased to advise that we have already contributed more than \$1,271,370 to local community groups and people in need.

TREASURER'S

Our Group profit before tax as at 31 December 2023 is \$4,160,884 which is higher than budgeted expectations and less than the same financial period last year (2022).



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