



# Ladies Beefsteak and Burgundy Club

## Presidents Report. - AGM 28 July 2019

12 years ago when I was asked to be president of the Never Never Ladies B&B club I seriously had no idea and never expected that I would continue to be given the opportunity to chair this unique club for so long. It's now time for me to step down and let new, younger blood with fresh ideas take the reins. I have had a lot of fun, been to some amazing places, that I know, I would never have had the opportunity to go to if it wasn't for this club, met likeminded people who have the same love for good food, great wines and exceptional company. I have had a blast and will always be grateful for the friends I have met along the way.

I would like to also place on record my apology for my tardiness in not having an AGM last year "2018"

You will note the financial report and audit report for today's AGM covered this time period. The financial report for 2018 / 2019 was tabled today minus the audit report for this period, which will be ratified at our next meeting, after it has been completed.

Unfortunately due to other family commitments the last few years have been a roller coaster for me and I just couldn't find the time to get it done. As many of you are aware, life will always throw challenges our way and we just need to roll with it and go with the flow, which you lovely ladies have done beautifully. Thank you all for your support.

I would also like to say a very special thankyou to:

The Public Officer - Jenny Duggan our LIFE Member, without her vigilance and scrutiny of this club over the years it wouldn't be the club it is today, actually, we wouldn't be sitting here as the club would no longer exist.

The Secretary - Rachel Jay, thank you for your record keeping and minute taking skills, they have been truly appreciated.

The Treasurer - Henry Higgins, thank you for being our guiding star with keeping us on track, ensuring our dinners are profitable and for your attention to detail with your accounting skills, they are evident in the audit reports along with the substantial bottom line in the bank account. All your commitments and dedication in keeping this club going is to be commended.

I would like to encourage all members to please consider taking an active role. Doesn't always have to be a committee position, "although this is an important part of keeping a club on track". It can be hosting a dinner, - talk amongst yourselves and with the committee about any ideas you may have, they will be only too happy to assist in the planning and costings, maybe revisit some of the concept dinners we have had in the past that some of our newer member may not have experienced, anything, that keeps us moving forward.

I would like to welcome our two new members Leisa Conn and Loretta Rima to our club.

On closing it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the members who have hosted dinners. Once again the dinners have digressed from the more traditional type functions, to creating a more conducive environment befitting the lifestyle we enjoy here in the Northern Territory. With me not being in a position to give 100%, you, the members, got together to organise functions unique to the life style we enjoy so much. The functions held are a great testament to you all and I would like to take this opportunity to commend you all, for the commitment you have made to keep this club going. You made my life so much easier this last couple of years, as each and every one of you have taken responsibility to keep this club going and I seriously can't thank you enough.

So that's it from me so once again a - BIG - THANK YOU to you all, I have been truly blessed.

I will still be an active member as the Immediate Past President – and will always be here to help the new committee in any way I can.

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Vicki Higgins - President

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Now here is a Snapshot of some of our Dinners:

Daly Waters –

We once again embarked on our yearly pilgrimage to Daly Waters Pub - Theme – Post war 1940's

After many goes at trying to get a date that a majority of us could attend, this event finally happened on the 6-7 April. Thank you so much Cathy and Bernie you did an amazing job of organising this, your attention to detail was awesome and I particularly loved the idea of having afternoon tea in the old hanger, before enjoying a lovely dinner well matched with the chosen wines at the old pub. This was a weekend many of us enjoyed as it gave us a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company in our favourite unique location.



Anzac –Purple and Red Theme - Venue O'Keefe House Riverbank drive

An iconic venue that has so much history in our little town. Even though I couldn't attend this dinner, I was truly impressed, once again with the attention to detail capturing the importance of the poppy in our ANZAC celebration. Well done Cathy, once again this was an evening that I'm sure all who attended will remember fondly.



**Territory Taste - A venue with a difference.**

A group of the members had already committed to attend this iconic function as it showcases the best of what Darwin has in food, wine and entertainment options. So we all decided to get together and enjoy an evening meal down at the Waterfront at Fiddlers Green – This type of impromptu get together is what will always hold this club in good stead to survive the tyranny of life in a remote area.



**Dinner en Blanc**

**This is the third year this event has been held in Darwin and something that has been talked about by the members for quite some time. Definitely an evening experience like no other, and one I am sure will evolve as time goes by. All in all a very pleasant evening with lots of fun and laughter. Ladies you all looked glamorous in white.**



**Birthday Party theme – Hosted by Cathy.**

**I had to admit I had never been to a birthday party as a child, but my goodness, if they were all like this, then I definitely had a deprived childhood.**

**The games were a hoot and I know that musical chairs and pass the marshmallow will never be the same. Traditional dinners are an integral part of the clubs charter, however these type are what makes our club unique. I love everything about this club and its members as they keep the creative ideas flowing and offer everyone such enjoyment and memories we will all treasure.**



**Bali Takeaway– Hosted by Fay**

**Whilst in Bali celebrating Fay's 70<sup>th</sup>, Suanne, Fay and I experienced a takeaway service like no other. This dinner was a re-creation of takeaway Bali Style with Martyn Sheen coming in to use Fay's kitchen to cook for us. We were so excited to share with you girls the most hilarious entertaining evening we had ever experienced in Bali. In memory of this trip Fay unveiled a painting she had purchased whilst in Bali that she was excited to show off.**



**What happens in everyday life can often be turned into a dinner theme – the Birthday party – the Bali themed dinner are just a few of how with a little imagination we can turn an idea, an event you attend, or even an off the cuff comment over a few drinks into a thoroughly entertaining evening for all to enjoy.**