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## Club renovates and rebrands to rebuild business

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THE Sandgate RSL Memorial Club has undergone a number of changes, renovations and a rebranding in the 12 months since it was placed into voluntary liquidation.

The club was placed into voluntary liquidation on June 10 last year and, with the assistance of liquidator Worrells, the committee set about re-building the business.

Club president Neil Inglis said that, with debts of \$1.4million, this was a daunting task.

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The club was placed into voluntary administration on July 10, 2015 and, following agreement with their creditors, was released from administration on September 10 to trade under a Deed of Arrangement with Worrells as the deed administrator.

"One year on and there have been many changes at the club with some hard decisions having been made along the way," Mr Inglis said.

"The club has a different management team and head chef and is very fortunate to have the loyal support of many of its staff who remain with the club today.

"The huge debt we inherited is a drain on our resources each month and will be for the next few years.

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"Despite this we have been able to improve the facilities for patrons.

"Early on in the process the committee and invited guests worked together to develop a strategic plan for the club.

"In fulfilling that plan, in recent months the club has closed its bottle shop and remodelled the space as a children's play room, refreshed its menu to deliver a more modern a la carte offering, and re-introduced a breakfast menu on Saturdays and Sundays.

"The club successfully lobbied Council to replace the roof on the Bowls Club, enabling this space to be developed for functions and shows, revamped bingo to one super session per week with a greater prize pool, undertaken some minor behind the scenes renovations and re-branded as Club Sandgate.

"The legal entity will always be Sandgate RSL Memorial Club however we will be known as Club Sandgate to include all of the community.

"Excitingly, UBET has commenced preliminary works to the lower level function room to turn it into a UBET agency and Sports Bar with state-of-the-art facilities.

"It is a very exciting time for the club."

Mr Inglis said it was vital that the community and businesses continued to support the club.

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"The club controls the Bowls Club next door and pays rent to the RSL Sub-Branch also next door.

"This rent enables the Sub-Branch to carry out their vital work supporting veterans and their families and keeping the Anzac tradition alive."



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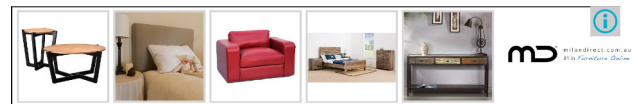
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