**ROBERTSON & DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL Assoc.Inc.**

**(RADSPA)**

**Annual Report**

**Sunday 17th December 2017**

**IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE 35TH ANNUAL REPORT OF RADSPA**

***“Our Aim to ensure all residents young, disabled and aged learn water safety& to swim and exercise”***

**In the last 12 months we have exciting progress in the establishment of an Aquatic Centre in Robertson. Development has started two weeks ago**

**With a “peppercorn’ 20 year lease from the Robertson Bowling Club on Lot 8 signed, the RADSPA Committee submitted a Development Application to Wingecarribee Shire Council on 22nd August 2016. This DA was approved on the 6th January 2017. It has taken 18 months to commence staged construction**

**A great number of issues have been raised and addressed by the Committee The most important matter was to finally succeed on Parking on our leased site having been previously advised that the Bowling Club Car Park was adequate**

**Access over Bowling Club land was again an issue and an Easement Application was submitted to NSW Titles Office for approval. This was hurried through as we had Council advice previously that this was the only remaining issue prior to a Construction Certificate being approved**

**We were a day late. Our Council Certifier and two other Certifiers resigned that week**

**The new Council Certifier with differing applications of the BCA regulations has applied new regulations. We are currently dealing with all items**

**Finally on 26th October a Stage One Construction Certificate was issued. We are permitted to**

* **Prepare the site**
* **Build footings for the building**
* **Pour the slab for the Pool, Gymnasium and facilities**

**The Committee with support from our panel of engineers and planner John Webb are now preparing the Application for Stage 2**

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**The Committee have appointed Thomas Mayne P/L Director David Thomas as our Project Manager and Jarrod Melville of MC&M as our Builder. Beau Woodward of FCE has been our valued earthwork specialist**

**We are fortunate to have a Builder and Project Manager who will work through the Christmas and New Year holidays. All of our advisors have a great community spirit and have amended their rates to assist. A great amount of pro bono advice and details have been supplied during this lengthy process by our Solicitors, Power Design, Aqua Engineers and Surveyors**

**The concern during this time has been to maintain a constant reporting and update to our Grant suppliers. The NSW Dept. of Liquor & Gaming, National Stronger Regional Fund (NSRF Commonwealth) have been supportive as our completion date has needed variation as we worked our way through the process of obtaining a Construction Certificate**

**Secretary Ian Hunt and I were very pleased to receive a grant cheque in May from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for $32,865 to support our pool equipment budget. Our Building Fund has now grown to $1.12M**

**We will continue to assess every grant opportunity in the bid to maintain our financial stability**

**Our Audited Financial Statements and our most efficient Treasurer Sharon Turner’s Annual Trading Report are available in this report. At the end of the Financial Year we had $542,198.65 in funds and investments. We purchased for $121,240 the Pool Building earlier this year to avoid a rapid rise of over 15% in steel. The un-erected structure is now on site. In addition we have paid a deposit on the Pool of $14,465 to maintain the budgeted price**

**The funds used were from our own fundraising account and not from Grant money or promises**

**During the past 12 months we have received excellent support and co-operation from The Robertson Bowling Club Board and in particular President Graeme Tutt, Secretary Geoff Arnold, and past Director Bob Turner**

**The ongoing support and hard work of your Committee is without doubt above and beyond. Importantly they will continue to work to bring this much needed facility to conclusion. My sincere thanks to my wife Georgie for her continuing support and sound advice**

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**We are also grateful to our Media Officer Robin Ezra who via our web site and Face Book has brought these activities to the Robertson Common**

**Often we comment and reflect on the hard work of past Committees and their “dream” to one day have a facility that develops water safety standards, exercise and above all adds residential value to the Village and District**

**It has been my pleasure to work with our team on your behalf and I offer myself for re-election. If successful it will be my final term**

**Don Ferguson**

**President**

**17th December 2017**