

Introduction

Twenty Five Years, a quarter of a century, is a real landmark which is not just about the passing of time. Over a long period the ever present factor is change.

Each individual member sees the club through different eyes. Some have a preference for a particular activity and build their friendships and club attendance around the activity. Some just like to dine or attend functions and entertainment and there are those who use the club regularly as a social venue.

Individual preferences and social habits change constantly and to remain successful the club has had to adapt, anticipate and follow the trends and popularities as they occur. If this meant upgrading the premises and equipment, changing the restaurant menu or increasing the brands of beer it had to be done.

There were always competitive alternatives to entice members away.

External factors also forced change. Legislation changes altered the way that clubs operated and derived income. Change in liquor licensing allowed more external competition. Anti smoking laws promoted the necessity for structural change in premises.

One of the major tasks in any club is to manage this evolutionary change. Initial direction stems from the President who in turn depends on the dedication of the elected Committee Members and Staff and voluntary assistance from Members.

The Bays Club Honours Board names Life Members (those who have been honoured for their exemplary service to the club), and Presidents who, with their elected Committees, have managed the club through its 25 year history. All had their successes and disappointments while serving the Club but their collective efforts over the past 25 years have resulted in the *Bays Club* of today, **a success by any standard.**

To write a complete history of the past 25 years describing every event; relating anecdotes and naming every worthy person would need a book of several hundred pages.

Instead, this small booklet attempts to chronicle the changes that have taken place in the various facets of the Club's operations since that memorable day in 1981 when the Club first opened.

It provides a summary of notable achievements and changes and includes, where feasible, individual summaries of the sporting and other activities that are such a major part of the Bays Club.

