

# BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB LIMITED

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**Our club features – picturesque 9 hole golf course; 2 manicured bowling green's;  
squash, music and fishing sub-clubs**

Mr David Costello  
Chief Executive Officer  
Clubs NSW  
Level 8, 51 Druitt Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

REF: 007:DC

Dear Mr Costello

In response to your letter requesting submissions for the 'Productivity Commission' I hope the following will be of assistance to you:

- The Braidwood Servicemen's Club was established in 1949 by a few far sighted citizens
- Our annual turnover is \$4517046 (G.P. \$579991)
- Our membership is currently 718
- We employ/contract 23 locals
- Our poker Nett return is \$314654

This club is the Social and Sporting centre of our district consisting:-

- Golf Course
- Two Bowling Greens
- Two Squash Courts
- Fishing Club with Boat
- Table Tennis Tables
- Snooker and Pool tables
- Dance Hall (All age groups)
- Stage facilities
- Function Room

Our revenue comes from membership and club fees, bar takings and our 23 poker machines.

Being a family orientated club we ensure drunken loutish behaviour is not part of our club and is so rare not to be remembered. Problem gambling is not apparent, although we have limited few who play the poker machines more regularly than the vast majority of our members. They could not be classed as problem gamblers.

Our management, staff and signage ensure these problems do not exist in our club.

Outside our own internal clubs our premises are used by over 40 other groups and associations etc. (90% no-charge) such as Lions, Drama, Keep fit, Schools, Hospital Community Days, Council and many others. There is no other facility in our small town to cater for such ongoing groups. Without our Nil or Low cost support these groups would not function as successfully.

Although our club has struggles financially for sometime we still support local groups financially;

- e.g. Braidwood Bears Rugby League Football Club
- Braidwood Quilters
- Braidwood MPS Hospital
- Tourist Assoc.
- Braidwood Central School
- Braidwood Folk Music
- Etc, etc....

Small country towns need institutions like the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. Where they can take their families out,

*Allow yourself the time, experience the history of Braidwood and District!*

meet their neighbours, have a meal, quiet drink and a flutter. No other facility in our town caters in this manner. The two public houses do not give a family friendly atmosphere and give constant problems to the police.

Any more Government imposts on our activities in servicing our community will cripple our style of club. Remove one of the few places left in our community where families can go for a safe night out placing our community in decline.

David, our club strongly supports Clubs NSW efforts in placing "Club" in their real standing in all communities.

Yours sincerely

Peter Camiller  
President  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009

Attachment 1. BRAIDWOOD MPS HOSPITAL