

# BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB LIMITED

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

Reference 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.

- 1) The Braidwood Servicemen's Club was established in 1949 by a few far sighted citizens.
- 2) Our annual turnover is \$4,517,046
- 3) Membership is currently 718.
- 4) We employ/contract 23 locals.
- 5) Our Poker machine net return is \$314,654

This Club is the social and sporting centre of our district consisting of:

Golf Course  
Bowling Greens (2)  
Squash Courts (2)  
Fishing Club  
Table Tennis Tables  
Snooker/Pool Tables  
Dance Hall (all ages)  
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 a part of our Club, and is so rare it's not remembered. This type of behaviour is not acceptable and is dealt with accordling. Problem gambling is not apparent, although we

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

have a limited few who play the poker machines more regular than the vast majority of our members. They could not be classified as problem gamblers. Our management 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 ect. (90% no-charge) such as Lions, Drama, Keep Fit, Schools, Hospital community days, Council and many more. 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 struggled financially for sometime we still support local groups financially;

- Braidwood Bears RLFC
- Braidwood Quilters
- Braidwood MPS
- Tourist Association
- Braidwood Central School
- Braidwood Jockey Club
- Braidwood Folk Music
- Etc.

Small country towns need institutions like the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. Where they can take their families out to meet their neighbours, have a meal quiet drink and a flutter. No other facility in 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 into decline.

David our Club strongly supports Clubs NSW efforts in placing 'Club' in their real standing in all Communities.

Yours Sincerely,

  
 Peter Camiller  
 President  
 Braidwood Servicemen's Club