

# President's Report 2023-2024

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you as the President of the Geelong Business Club for the past 12 months.

Since joining the Club in 2014, I have met many amazing people, shared lovely meals and enjoyed many conversations, with our fellow Club members. The fellowship, which is the essence of the Club, is a truly unique offering and one which I very much enjoy. Each month being able to sit beside different people, from different businesses and learn of the successes and challenges, is certainly a rewarding experience.

After several years of membership, in 2019 Denice approached me to join the Committee and I thought of it as an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing success of the Club. Thank you to Dencie for approaching me and I hope that this past 12 months has added to the effort of previous Committees.

Since August 2023, we have continued in our efforts to retain the highest quality speakers. I hope that we have fulfilled this over the past 12 months by bringing you speakers such as Naomi Simson, Darryl Pelchen of Cora, Cath Evans of the Property Council of Australia, Bruce Billson of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, to name just a few. The Committee works tirelessly in identifying suitable speakers and I am grateful to them for efforts this year.

To cap of the 2023 calendar year off, we certainly enjoyed a different experience for our Christmas Gala which saw the Club entertained by Andrew Pobjoy's understudy and Claire Hooper at the Palais Theatre. It was a fun-filled night of laughter, music and fine dining to celebrate the end of 2023 in style.

During the year we also recognised three outstanding Members, each having more than 20 years of membership with the Club. Norm Lyons, Jack Ayerbe and Andrew Lawson were admitted as Club Life Members, because of their continued membership and outstanding service to the Club. Congratulations.

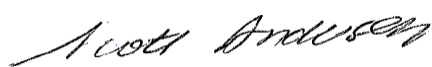
The Geelong Business Club cannot operate without the contribution of its hard-working volunteer Committee. I would like to thank the Committee Members who have assisted me in ensuring the smooth running of the Club during the past year: Past President: Scott Warren, Vice President: Geoff Hutchinson, Sharon Hill, Freya Fidge, Dan Nichols and Anthony Tripolino. It has been a pleasure to work with you all. I would also like to convey my gratitude to Alex Rubilar who resigned from the Committee during the year as his contributions were appreciated. Thank you, all.

I would also like to thank Angela McDonald, who acted as Executive Officer of the Club during my term as President. Angela did all the hard work in the background and ensured that everything went to plan. Thank you, Angela.

I wish to pass on my best wishes to Geoff Hutchinson as he takes on the role of President and Sharon Hill as Vice President in 2024/25. I believe you are in great hands with Geoff and Sharon leading our Club.

Finally, the Club is not what it is without our members. Thank you for the continued support of the Club and I look forward to seeing you all as we continue to meet, enjoy hearing from engaging speakers and exchange fellowship as part of the Club.

Thank you again,



**Scott Andersen**  
President 2023-2024  
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