

## **Temporary closure of the Gallipoli Memorial Club**

Members would be aware that the Club has been in negotiations with various parties for some 20 years hoping to renovate the Club premises in Loftus Street. These discussions are approaching finalisation. Therefore, all trading will cease at 12-14 Loftus St. on Friday 15 December and we do not expect to reopen until 2020 or 2021.

Our historic building will be completely re-furbished. Any original features (sandstone walls, timber floors, roof structure etc.) will be restored and displayed. A new Glass lift and open staircase are included. We intend to excavate approximately a half floor basement, therefore removing some toilets, storerooms and equipment from the main part of the Club.

A 550 sq. metre museum space is also included in the project. This will be located below our northern neighbour 2-10 Loftus St. with direct internal access from the Club.

The Board of Directors is confident that our Historic Club House and Museum will be something for all members to be very proud of.

We will continue to hold the General Meetings, the Gallipoli Art Prize Exhibition and Commemoration of Lone Pine, but the venues for these functions will be advised closer to the dates when they are finalised. The Gazette will be produced and distributed as usual on a Quarterly basis.

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President