



the end of an era for commercial club wagga

In 2009 the Wagga RSL Club gave the Commercial Club a lifeline by agreeing to a merger. It was an exciting time, as we took the opportunity to rebuild the Commercial Club, investing more than \$2 million to turn it into a modern, inviting venue for members and visitors alike.

However, ongoing years of losses and the current unpredictable economic climate has forced us to conduct an extensive review of our current operations. After much deliberation and with deep regret the Board & Management is announcing the closure of the Commercial Club effective immediately. In light of the uncertain challenges we face, we believe this is the right decision to make in order to secure the future growth and resilience of the RSL Club. This will help us to continue supporting our community and protecting our traditions.

We would like to thank our 26,000 members and the community for their ongoing support of the Commercial Club over the last eleven years. Our decision has not been taken lightly, and you can be assured that our focus will now be on minimising the impact on our staff and stakeholders.

We invite the media for an interview opportunity with Andrew Bell (CEO) and Peter Thomas (President) at the Wagga RSL Club after 2pm today.

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