

President's report GCR, December 2025

Dear Members,

Hope you are well and enjoying the festive season with family and friends. I am afraid that the shopping and traffic have really got very hectic over the last few weeks and it appears we have many interstate visitors. I think we have now exceeded the pre-co-vid levels. Anyhow, I want to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful festive season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2026.

Unfortunately, the festive season has been clouded this year by the events on Bondi Beach. I do not wish to dwell on what occurred, but I was deeply saddened by the loss of innocent people, and I hope that some good may come from it. Our nation and our people deserve better from governments. I hope that the light of Christmas and Hanukkah will forever shine brightly through the darkness.

The club has finished on a high note for the year- our Christmas party at the Arundel Tavern was a success, with great food and lovely gifts arranged by our Social Director Suman Sood. Thank you so much Suman. Equally the last meeting of our investor group had 65 members attend, to hear Jeff Convine review the year and inform us of possible movements in the markets for the year ahead. Also, some very experienced past members spoke about their achievements and offered information for successful investing in the future. Please have a look at our Finance Director Jeff Convine's detailed report on that meeting. We also had a small celebration at our investor group which was a pleasant end to the year.

Looking forward, 2026 promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable and positive year. We will have interesting speakers going forward and I am working with our Social Director Suman Sood to arrange for interesting and different social outings in March and going forward. Also, our investor group meetings promise to be highly informative, with our Finance Director Jeff Convine telling me that he has lined up highly professional speakers for most of next year. I am indebted to both Jeff and Suman for the excellent work that they do for our club.

Also, I want to thank all our committee members and the volunteers who continue working for the club and who help in setting up the club each month. We could not function without your help and because we are all getting older, I am mindful that eventually we will need extra professional help. Once again, could I urge any of you who wish to join our committee to contact me- there are plenty of ways you could assist in 2026.

Finally, an early reminder of the meetings for next year- Please note our **Investor group will be meeting on the 21st of January but our general group does not meet in January**. Both groups will be back to their normal meeting dates in February- second Thursday (General) and third Wednesday (Investor). For updates, please consult our Facebook page and hopefully in January we will have our new web site running.

Once again let me wish you and your families all a very best for the festive season and 2026.

Mark Mourell

President GCR