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Windsor RSL back in black

by Justine Geake

FIFTY years after starting in the Hawkesbury, Windsor RSL has announced it is now safely back from the brink of closure, and invites its 4000 members to come to an information evening this Friday night, August 7.

General manager Tanya Freund said the club was now looking forward to its next five decades, after a shaky couple of years saw it looking at amalgamating with another club only seven months ago.

"We're trading positively now, we've turned the corner and are no longer looking at amalgamating," Ms Freund said.

"And we ask everyone to come and celebrate our golden anniversary with us this year."

Instrumental in the turnaround was Windsor RSL Sub-branch member Schon Condon, whose company Condon Associates has been working with the club for the last year to bring it back into the black.

Mr Condon has been saving struggling companies for 30 years, and began salvaging the club by transferring its debt

from a bank to the sub-branch.

"Once the sub-branch stepped in, there was evidence of a commitment from everyone to make the club survive," he said.

"We've now got more assets than liabilities, more income than expenditure and all creditors are up to date."

He said the most significant debt was to the Australian Tax Office, and now that was paid off, the club was sailing unburdened into the future.

"We can now formulate a long-term strategy to convert the club into a sustainable, effective member of the Hawkesbury community over the next 12 months. A lot of hard work has gone on in the last year."

He said the final plans for the club's 50th anniversary celebrations were being made, and asked all members to come to the public meeting this Friday, at 7pm, which will be a briefing on the club's position.

"We also want to give our members an opportunity to give us some feedback on what they want to see from the club in the future," Mr Condon said.



Celebrating: Windsor RSL general manager Tanya Freund with Sub-branch member Schon Condon.