

Defining moment': Mounties wins health and wellbeing award

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Mounties won the Health & Wellbeing category at the Clubs & Community Awards.

The launch of Mounties Care - a free health and wellbeing service available to all of Mounties' 160,000 plus members across NSW - helped them win the Health and Wellbeing category at this year's Clubs and Community Awards.

Mounties, which was a finalist in seven of the nine awards categories, partnered with Vitalis to support the health, wellbeing, independence and quality of life of its members by providing a range of services including a free members healthline, home care services, hospital at home and mental health support.

Mounties president Kevin Ingram said 2020 will go down in history as one of their "toughest years yet".

"But with the many lows we experienced as a business, there were in fact far greater highs. Born from the challenge, uncertainty and stress we all had to endure, many fantastic things happened for us as a group and more importantly for our members and our local communities," he said.

"It is fantastic to be recognised for the work that we do by the industry itself and we look forward to next years awards so that we can once again learn about all the fantastic work the Clubs industry is doing for the people of Australia, but to also share the next stage of our evolution as this year is already shaping up to be even better for us."

Mounties chief executive Dale Hunt attended the awards with his team. Mounties were also highly commended for their contribution to the community through their drought relief initiatives.

"I could not be prouder of what we have achieved as a team this past year and bringing Mounties Care to our members, amalgamating with more venues and being able to help more people in NSW as a result, is a defining moment for us," he said.

"Just being recognised for the work that we are doing, let alone winning, is something we can all be proud of. I am excited to see what the next year brings as we invest further into the initiatives and programs that really matter to our members."

Meanwhile, Mounties have confirmed that they are currently in discussions with Breakers Country Club regarding a potential amalgamation.

Breakers, located at Wamberal, would mark the third Central Coast venue to join the Mounties Group in less than 12 months with Halekulani Bowling Club and Club Wyong having recently completed the process in March and April this year.

The boards commenced amalgamation discussions earlier this year and are currently working towards the development of a memorandum of understanding.

The amalgamation process will see a series of member information sessions take place and a members vote before a decision from the Liquor and Gaming NSW Association is made.

"Our unique intergenerational approach to club venues and our profit-for-purpose business model continues to intrigue and excite other clubs to join us and it is this ethos that attracted Breakers," Mr Hunt said.