



2001-2002 HWMC EXECUTIVE



MEMBERS OF THE 2001-2002 Hamilton Workingmen's Club executive - Back row (from left): Brian Johns, Wayne Christian, Roger Donaldson, Gary Meyrick, Bruce Heapey, David Cameron, Barry McGill. Front row: Richard Shrubsall (manager), Heather True (secretary), Terry Ryan (vice president), Brian Simpson (president), Robin Riley (treasurer), Frank Haines (patron). - Bill Lindberg photograph.

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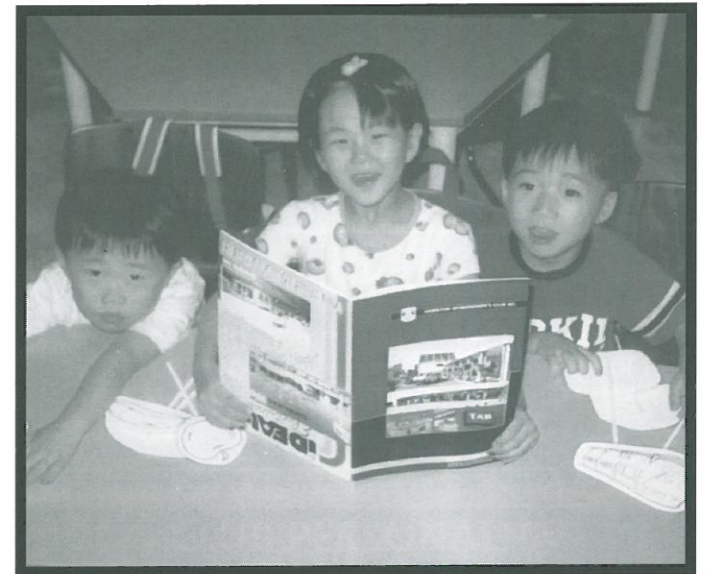
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Our news read all over the world..!

Yes, that's right! Our year book has been discovered in all corners of the world - Alaska, South Korea, South Africa, Great Britain, Russia, United States, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

The late Bill Field took a copy with him when he toured Alaska; Grant Hooper took copies with him to South Korea, Great Britain and Russia; the Super 12 and Bledisloe Cup rugby supporters showed off our club in South Africa and Australia; while holidaymakers to the Pacific Islands and Bali found a place for the book in their luggage. Other club members have posted copies to relations and friends in the United States and many other countries. Our photo at shows South Korean children, David, Sally and Mike reading our 2001 Yearbook at the Wonderland School in Seoul.



Club's progress continues!

Welcome to the 2002 Hamilton Workingmen's Club Year Book!

Do you realise we have been at our Frankton location for more than six years? It just seems the other day that those splendid Caledonian pipers led the parade of club members from Harwood Street to Commerce Street and the official opening ceremonies were staged. Since then the club has made amazing progress and we have become the envy of other organisations vying to attract members. Our executive and management have to be congratulated for making the right decisions re splendid facilities, top entertainment and staffing. It all adds up to members and guests feeling comfortable in the surroundings. The general harmony and good natured banter that prevails also suggests the environment is spot on while the support now given most of the sub-sections indicates more members than ever are taking full advantage of what is on offer. Overseas guests interviewed are full of praise of what we have to offer at such reasonable rates. They have all indicated we don't know how lucky we are. But our club hierarchy is realistic enough to realise we cannot rest on our laurels and so continually plan for the future. Two superb sporting stadiums have come to fruition virtually on our doorstep and we are in perfect position to capitalise on their expected popularity. Accordingly, you will see more action in and around the club as extensions and other upgrades take place. Membership has gone from just under a thousand to nearly 5000 in the six years we have been at our present location. The facilities have been placed under tremendous pressure to cope with the daily demands. From time to time hiccups do occur and when discovered are soon corrected. With such a large, and ever increasing membership, a few unexpected happenings must be par for the course. However, communication is the key. If a member

has a concern, he or she should let the duty manager know immediately so the appropriate action can be taken.

The TAB extension and upgrade have come as the result of demand as Keith Cornes' excellent team attract more and more customers. To accommodate members who previously used the King Street parking area, 80 more parking spaces, including several for the disabled, have been provided at the Commerce Street end. The club welcomes your ideas. Please forward them in written form to the front office and they will be considered by your elected executive. Include your name and membership number so further liaison, if required, can be undertaken. Comments made at last year's annual meeting have been taken on board and members will note the installation of the ITM machine and the upgrade of the women's rest areas. The management has concerns over the signing in procedures for visitors etc. Remember a member who signs in guests is responsible for them while they are on the club's premises. Some so-called 'guests' have unfortunately let the side down and club staff and other members have been placed in embarrassing situations trying to solve the resulting problems. We don't want that! Our entertainment agenda has been widely praised. The front office has entertainment calendars to keep you fully informed weeks in advance. Watch out for our advertisements in the weekly 'This Week' community newspaper while our in-house television programme also carries news of forthcoming club entertainment and sporting events. For sub-section news ensure you check the club notice boards throughout the club. They are constantly being updated and new members will find contact names on the notices to help them become involved.

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