

HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE 2004-2005



MEMBERS OF THE 2004-2005 HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE

BACK ROW FROM LEFT- BRIAN McLUSKIE, ROGER DONALDSON, RICHARD WYMER, BRUCE HEAPPEY, DAVID CAMERON, WAYNE CHRISTIAN, BRIAN JOHNS.
FRONT ROW FROM LEFT- RICHARD SHRUBSALL (club general manager), HEATHER TRUE (club secretary), TERRY RYAN (club vice-president), BRIAN SIMPSON (club president), GARY MEYRICK (club treasurer), FRANK HAINES (club patron).

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WELCOME TO OUR 2005 YEAR BOOK!

DO YOU KNOW WE ARE NEARLY 50 YEARS OLD?

It's official... this Hamilton Workingmen's Club is nearly 50 years old!

Therefore we make no apologies for being somewhat nostalgic in this edition as we reflect on how this present club was started and who were the driving forces in the formation.

We are pleased to advise some of our foundation members from 1955 are still involved, but unfortunately in the last couple of years we have lost several of those who were there when the original Harwood House was purchased and revamped.

It has been decided to stage the golden jubilee celebrations around the time of the Charity Week which has been scheduled for October 10-16. Keep watch over the next few months for more details.

We remind you our last charity week was a huge success as we raised \$30,000 so the Order of St John could purchase much-needed defibrillators for Hamilton and the Waikato district. It takes a big effort from the charity team to get everything organised so if you think you can assist this year by donating goods and/or services please let our main office staff know when the notices go up with the official dates etc. The support we have received in the past from the business community has been outstanding and we naturally hope this continues.

New members, who have not experienced a charity week, will enjoy becoming involved in the various activities. The continuous raffles boost the funds considerably while the auctions put the icing on the cake as members and visitors

bid enthusiastically, and with good humour, for the bargains on offer.

It was good to learn members contributed \$742.25 in the hastily arranged Tsunami Appeal.

There was also outstanding support for the 'Relay for Life' with sponsorship for the Waikato Cancer Society from our club and Bruce Tronell, Jimmy and Betty Dick being among those heavily involved.

Our club continues to thrive with our membership growth being the envy of many of our sister organisations. Accordingly, the sub-sections have generally reported more numbers attending their activities. However, all are keen to welcome new members. Just ask at the front office for a sub-section contact and make yourself known.

The building programme has been in full swing with the new frontage and increased lounge space attracting favourable comments. The dance / indoor bowling floor has been upgraded while the extra snooker-billiard table will be a just reward for followers of those noble sports and will enable us to again host national championship events.

Once again overseas visitors interviewed were full of praise for the way they were accepted by our members. They had money to spend and so our prices found favour with them. They said they found the good-natured banter between our various groups fascinating and

while some of the terminology was completely foreign to them, they soon got to realise what was intended.

Remember our club hierarchy never rest on their laurels and are constantly looking at our future with members' comforts uppermost in their minds. With such a large membership, our facilities, from time to time, come under tremendous pressure and we ask you to be patient if you find yourself in a testing situation. From time to time hiccups do occur and when discovered are soon corrected.

We remind you communication is the key and if you do have a concern please inform the duty manager immediately so the appropriate action can be taken.

The club's annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday morning, May 22, with the voting (if required) for the new executive following soon after. Watch for details and the nominations for executive positions.

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