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2025 YEARBOOK



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PATRON'S MESSAGE



G'day fellow members

Another great 12 months has flashed by at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club. A lot has happened, we have welcomed the RSA, and many Combined Services Club members into our club and I hope many are enjoying the facilities, hospitality and friendship.

We also welcome our new manager Nathan Hartley and wish him well.

Thanks to club president Helen Wood-Rowe and her executive team for a job well done.

Thanks also to the management team and our cheery staff and those

who have retired or moved on over the past 12 months. You have my, and many members', respect and gratitude.

The hospitality trade is tough, and we are lucky we have good people, both those mentioned above, and members and volunteers who help keep the club in good heart.

After speaking with Helen recently, I am sure we can look forward to more exciting, and innovative things happening in the future.

Members make the club a welcoming and enjoyable place for us, our families and guests, along with other

club members from throughout New Zealand and Australia, and indeed the world in general, to visit and enjoy.

So let's keep the Hamilton Workingmen's Club to the forefront and carry on the good work.

My condolences to all who have lost loved ones and friends in the last twelve months.

Tally Ho the fox, and kind regards,

Colin Sullivan

EDITORIAL

How things have changed as another year quickly came and went.

Here we are again in the process of putting together another yearbook for the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

You will see minor changes in this year's edition with Roy Pilott taking over the reins from me as editor.

Roy has been a financial member of the club for many years and comes from a newspaper background, his years in journalism going back - dare I say it - nearly 50 years. (Editor's note - 50 up on January 20, 2025!)

Members and sub-sections are what makes our club stand out among many and like all clubs it is up to us to keep our standards high.

On that note, many thanks must go out to President Helen Wood-Rowe and her outstanding committee for keeping our club to the fore. It is not an easy job and many members do not realise what they do behind the scenes to keep our club functioning effectively in the current business climate.

Also please welcome our new club manager Nathan Hartley who has taken over the role from Ken Marcum and has previously been with the Sky City Entertainment Group in Hamilton for a long period.

We have lost some fine club members this last year along with one of our most respected staff in Michelle Solia. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all their families.

A special thanks must go to Margaret Cameron and all the staff of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club from cleaners and bar and kitchen staff to the front desk team. A friendly smile and a welcome goes a long way from turning a bad day into a good one as you walk in the front doors.

On a more positive note please respect our club and each member and enjoy the read that Roy has compiled along with the usual great efforts all sub-sections have put together for your enjoyment.

Keep smiling and enjoy the read!

Greg Corban

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 3.00PM - CONSERVATORY

THE MERGER PROCESS - WHY?

IN 2024 THE HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB AND THE HAMILTON COMBINED RETURNED SERVICES CLUB MERGED. WE LOOK AT WHAT LED TO THE DECISION.

Bringing the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club and the Hamilton Workingmen's Club together in a merge process was a relatively smooth one but the path to get there was certainly a winding one,

Tom Hogan was there for every twist and turn over a three-year period.

Not surprisingly, there was resistance to giving up what had been built up since the end of World War 2.

But as Hogan explained, the club had become chattel rich and cash poor. Membership over the previous 10 years had fallen from 1800 to 500 and only about 100 were making regular use of the facilities.

In that time the available finances had taken a hit.

The accounts were being dipped into in trying to maintain services and the ever-increasing repairs to an aging building were a crippling problem. This, together with the natural attrition of an aging membership, affected bar turnover negatively.

With each month showing increasing losses, it was obvious that the club could not continue as a going concern.

Hogan was part of a lobby which influenced some key decision making. After the calling of a special general meeting there were substantial personnel changes on the Management Committee and he rejoined it.

The situation had become precarious – the club could no longer afford bands for evening functions, the kitchen costs had become uneconomic as use dwindled and while subsections like darts and eight ball enjoyed good support, it was not enough.

One suggestion presented to the members at another special meeting involved combining with a snooker-8ball venue but was rejected outright once the fine print had been carefully examined and being found to be unacceptable to the Club members.

The new committee then focussed on the “merger” road and an extraordinary emergency general meeting was held on May 26, 2024.



TOM HOGAN REFLECTS ON THE MOVE TO THE WORKINGMEN'S CLUB.

Members of the HCRSC, who were also members of the Workingmen's club, talked it up, Hogan recalled. They talked about the comfort, the meals available and the general décor that the HWMC provided.

But the deal was probably sealed by inviting the President of Clubs New Zealand to speak at this meeting.

The motion was then presented for discussion and eventually approved by 84 of the 100 eligible voters present. This authorised the current members of the management committee of the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club to take all necessary steps to effect the merger.

One of the many advantages of this merger allowed the HWMC to apply to increase their gaming machines to a maximum of 24.

Hogan first visited the HCRSC as a 21-year-old in uniform having been called up for National Service under the ballot system and serving with the artillery in the Territorial Force.

The Hogan family came to Hamilton in the 1960s. Tom's father was an Inspector of Schools and Tom himself went into the education field spending 40 years teaching within the wider Hamilton district.

Tom Hogan served as President of the Combined Returned Services Club from 1995 to 2000 and was awarded life membership in 1995.

He said that he was, “absolutely delighted” with the merger outcome allowing active additions to the Workingmen's Club subsections.

“It was by far the best move we could have made - we should have done it before we did,”

Every piece of club memorabilia was photographed and the information stored electronically.

There was a lot of work for both merge committees especially in proofreading the terms of engagement to ensure that the rights of the members of both organisations were protected.

The doors of the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club finally closed on June 16, 2024.

A CLUB HISTORY



HOW THE "NEW" CLUB LOOKED ON THE COVER OF THE BOOKLET PRODUCED FOR ITS OPENING IN 1957.

The journey to the Hamilton Workingmen's Club in 2024 marked what is almost certain to be the final move for the Combined Returned Services Club.

The last home in Rostrevor Street was opened in October 1957 by Major-General Lindsay Merritt Inglis, a military officer who had become a magistrate in Hamilton four years earlier.

Entry to an evening social gathering that night was priced at 10 shillings for a double and five bob for a single.

Committee chairman P Yendell, under the heading 'At last this club →' wrote "after years of work, after many anxious times, after much heart-burning and financial hangovers, we now have a club building worthy to be ranked among the best of its kind in New Zealand".

The 65-year plus tenure in the building proved the project was a success.

Yendell noted all those years ago there were still problems ahead "but problems are there to be solved".

"When that has been done, club life will develop the richest fruit and we'll find again the selfless fellowship we've fought for since 1939-45.

"Until all plans have been completed, your committee ask you to bear with present difficulties."

In late 1945 The Waikato RSA and the Hamilton Branch of the 2nd NZEF Association joined social forces



THE BLACK HUT AS IT LOOKED IN GARDEN PLACE. IT PROVED TO BE FAR MORE ROBUST THAN OBSERVERS THOUGHT.

to operate the combined club, working with an overdraft of Stg2000.

The original home serving tea, sandwiches and ales was the "Black Hut" in Garden Place, opened in 1945.

It was built during the second world war to provide bed and breakfast for soldiers on leave or in need – and it also provided the public with lunches.

But the numbers didn't add up and 18 months later Stg1900 of the overdraft had been spent "and the Bank was definitely unfriendly in attitude".

A new committee was installed and turned the finances around – so when the Black Hut was sold the club had four Garden Place sections and was in credit.

In those days members operated under a locker system – bottles of beer were pre-paid and left in a locker to be collected by the buyer. A similar system operated at the Raglan Club.

It's a far cry from today when drinks are served over the counter and paid for using a plastic card.

The Black Hut was eventually sold at auction in 1949 for Stg2600 to St Joseph's Parish in Fairfield.

It's noted that the Hut was "reputedly of poor timber". In fact it was heart rimu. It was a residence for the parish priest, then, a year later, became a school and parish hall for a further 36 years before being demolished.

The club operated for several years as a land proprietor - but with no home of its own. What was described as some "horse trading" resulted in exchanges which left the club financially sound and with a two storey building in north Victoria Street where it reopened for business.



THE COMBINED RETURNED SERVICES CLUB BUILDING IN ROSTREVOR ST WAS HOME FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS.

It served until May 1957 and in October, with more "horse trading" done, the club opened in Rostrevor Street debt free and money in the bank.

Combined Returned Service Club members were aided by the business community to build the new home.

It featured a committee room and kitchen, a ladies' lounge for returned service-women, a reading room, a "magnificent" games room featuring three (soon to be four) billiards tables, indoor bowling mats and, "another outlet for the energetics clubmen" - dart boards.

The booklet published to celebrate the opening – from which information for this story is taken - noted a smoke room would be a popular rendezvous with its Formica-topped tables and handy chairs when the club "finally received its liquor charter".

As progress continued, ladies were permitted into the gentlemen's lounge (but not to the bar) – then into the games room to watch snooker being played.

Now the doors had been opened, a women's committee was formed, and successful lobbying began to enable women to have full access to the club – and wives and widows were admitted as members at a reduced fee.

The longevity of the club was assisted when sons and sons in law - and daughters and daughters in law were welcomed as members.

The building continued to serve members through to June 2024, when it closed for a final time.

The decision to merge with the Hamilton Workingmen's Club had been announced two months earlier.

MEET THE MANAGER

NATHAN HARTLEY

Nathan Hartley's first 100 days as the manager of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club are being spent very much in a getting to know you phase.

And he loves what he's seeing.

"The people are happy – I've got ideas, but this is a time to listen to staff and members, look at opportunities to improve, talk to customers and subsections and look where we can help them grow," he said.

Nathan follows in the footsteps of long serving manager Ken Marcum.

The father of two has come to the Hamilton Workingmen's Club from his role as head of food and beverage for the Sky City Entertainment Group where he spent more than 10 years.

He has been working in hospitality in New Zealand for 15 years – initially in Christchurch as an executive chef for Continental Event Catering, then, having moved north, as executive sous chef at The Langham in Auckland and executive chef at the Stamford Plaza.

The latest move brings him back to a community environment where he is particularly comfortable.

Nathan is from England's southwest - he was born in Bristol and spent a lot of time on the south coast in Southampton.

By the time Nathan left school in 1990 he had already developed an interest in cooking, and his first job was in a 30-bedroom hotel in the New Forest between Southampton and Bournemouth. Two premier league football clubs yes (though it will be one next season) – but one thing Nathan did not develop was a passion for soccer.

He was assigned to the sweet section as a patisserie chef and thoroughly enjoyed it. The job in the New Forest launched a career which would take him around the world.

Doing the opposite of the traditional Kiwi Overseas Experience to the UK, he headed for Sydney to work there during the 2000 Olympics. Having been introduced to the Sydney hospo scene he made a brief trip to New Zealand before returning to London.

He then ran the catering department at the Natural History Museum in central London – then headed to the Caribbean to run a bar and restaurant in Antigua, a popular British Commonwealth tourism destination.

Then it was back to London and a three year spell at the Spearmint Rhino – "at the time it was a top gentlemen's club and would be visited by well-known celebrities."

He then spent five years as the owner of The Little Cook based in Colchester and around that time met wife to be Sarah.

Nathan continued to be the nomad though, and having sampled life down under, opted for a move for the family to New Zealand – attracted by the beaches and barbecues.



NATHAN HARTLEY IS THE CLUB'S NEW GENERAL MANAGER

"I always wanted to live in another country," he said.

Their first child, James, was two – "we said if we're going to do it, do it now."

First stop was Christchurch – a three year stint which began five months before the major earthquake which claimed more than 180 lives.

Part of his responsibility post-quake was providing thousands of meals to people in the city.

Businesses became another quake victim and Nathan headed north to work in Auckland for three years before being lured to the Waikato.

The role as head of food and beverages brought a different kind of pressure, and there were many highlights.

"My favourite bits were doing things for charity - one being providing a hangi in Garden Place."

The Waikato Times wrote the July 2022 Matariki event was Nathan's brainchild as SkyCity's food and beverage head. Several hundred people queued for kai from the pit dug in a pebbled seating area.

Funds raised from the \$10-a-head meals went to a charity which provided cooked meals for people in need.

"It was just an idea, I didn't know if it was going to be allowed, but the council has been really good. Everything has been donated so everything we make goes to charity," he told the Times.

His latest move to the Workingmen's Club is one he welcomes.

"This is more community based without the corporate pressures – I see so much potential here and it's such a lovely club.

"The people are great and there is so much scope to do things."

One of his main targets will be to attract more members through the doors – and to see more members in the 30-40 year age bracket being involved.

"The club is safe and secure, it has parking available and is economical – and it has so much going for it."

Nathan is based in Cambridge with Sarah and James, who is studying law. Daughter Niamh is studying in Dunedin and plans to be a forensic psychologist.

THE VISITORS

TONY AND MAY MARCHIONI

Tony Marchioni keeps apologising for not being well enough organised.

He's looking through one of five well-thumbed 3B1 notebooks which document a history of devotion and care to club members but can't find certain dates.

He's 92 in September, so it's pretty understandable - but we get there.

"Last visit February 2023," Tony's wife of 36 years, May, points out.

The couple spent 23 years making hospital and rest home visits to members, bearing gifts of flowers and toiletries.

There were, of course, protocols.

"The club would call us, and we would aim to make a visit in the next day or two. We would check with the hospital, if people were staying three or four days, we would make a visit," Tony said.

It might be one or two a week, but it was a nonstop labour of love for all those years.

"It was very seldom that people would refuse.

For a lot of the time Tony would make the visit while May looked around the hospital for a carpark - they were in action long before the multi-storey carpark made visits to the hospital a lot easier. In the earlier days Sunday visits were preferable because parking was easier.

"I enjoyed it - it was worth doing. They were pleased to see you and we were pleased to see them. They got something out of it, and we got a lot of pleasure - it wasn't hard work," Tony said.

Tony traces his family line back to northern Italy.

His grandfather immigrated to Australia in the late 1800s dreaming of becoming a millionaire, as did hundreds of his countrymen who went searching for gold. The gold rushes caused a huge influx of people and Australia's population swelled 430,000 in 1851 to 1.7 million in 1871

He then tried his luck in the South Island.

"He didn't become a millionaire," Tony confirms.

But the Marchioni family stayed in New Zealand. Tony's dad worked on the railways, and Tony was born in Taihape, then headed down State Highway 1 to live in Utiku on the main trunk line.

As the Second World War came to an end, the young Tony was being groomed for a career in the Post Office, but two years in an office was two years too long.



TONY AND MAY MARCHIONI SPENT ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY PROVIDING VISITS FROM THE CLUB TO MEMBERS.

He convinced his dad that he should follow him into railways, albeit at the potential expense of free time for the keen rugby player and athlete to play sport.

And so, it was full steam - and it was steam - ahead into a new career which kept Tony employed for 40 years and saw him finish as a staff instructor before retiring in 1995.

It also involved a transfer to Hamilton - and nine years in Kawerau, before a return to Hamilton where romance would bloom, again.

Tony and May - who grew up on a farm near Raglan - attended a singles dance at Waikato University.

Tony spotted May and approached her daughter asking if she would mind if he danced with her "sister".

Several decades on, Tony has yet to convince May that it was a genuine mistake.

They married in 1989 - both for a second time - and have lived in their home in Dinsdale for almost 30 years.

The staircase and the size of the home is presenting new challenges as the years advance - in recent time Tony was frustrated to find he had a heart condition which restricted the amount of oxygen being pumped into his blood.

Doctors told him they didn't want to operate, but the guy who clocked up a few marathons in his time gets by.

The twice weekly visits to the club are getting fewer, and asked what keep them busy today Tony quips "just trying to get around".

Tony and May both reflect with a lot of pride on being part of a team effort that kept the visits going.

Also on the team was Peter Karl and wife Elisabeth. Peter kept the tradition going once Tony and May stopped making calls.

"When we stopped, I was slowing up with health issues - but Peter did a wonderful job."

"We made hundreds of visits, and I enjoyed every one of them - it was a boost for the patient, and it made us feel good."

SNOOKER & BILLIARDS SUBSECTION

We have once again had a very successful year with growing numbers in the section. Some of this growth is due to the incorporation of the Combined Returned Services Club. We have 71 members and over 40 regular players.

Our annual meeting was held on April 28, 2024, with very few changes to the committee. Bruce Harper stood down after many years of dedicated service, having held all positions of office at some time. Officers elected were:

Chairman:	Bruce Young
Secretary:	Stephen Thomas
Treasurer:	Shannon Owen
Committee:	Alwyn Conaghan, Ewen Pilcher, Gareth Owen, John Andersen, Jason Hughes and Steve Lane.

Greg Klinac, who was unavailable at the time of nominations, was unanimously appointed to the committee at the June meeting. The section is in a very strong state and the return of two tables has been very much appreciated.

On a sad note, we lost another member of our section with the passing of Conn Bradcock in December. RIP Conn.

We were able to field three teams again in the Interclub this year. The B Team made it to the finals day in section 2 but lost to the Te Aroha Red team by a very narrow margin.

Our Tuesday over 50's tournaments have been well supported with 24-28 players most days. Club nights changed from Thursday to Wednesday nights in July due to the clash of numbers with the new pool section and it also provided the opportunity for some members to play both sports if they wished.

Our Honours Board Tournaments were well supported with the highlight being the inaugural Kevin Greaves Memorial Handicap Singles with a beautiful new trophy played for in his honour.

- Club nights: Wednesday from 6:45pm
- Over 50's afternoon: Tuesday from 12:45pm
- Regular home and away tournaments
- Club championship tournaments as advertised
- Newmemberswelcome-please contact Bruce Harper, 027 690 1453, or Bruce Young 027 855 6248.

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HWMC Billiards and Snooker Section Chairman

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New Members Welcome

Please contact
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BRUCE YOUNG 027 855 6248

TOURNAMENT RESULTS FOR 2024-25:

JOHN FRANKLIN MEMORIAL:

Winner: W. Sorensen
Runner Up: J. Andersen
Third Place: B. Irving

OVER 50'S HANDICAP SINGLES:

Winner: P. Dodanis
Runner Up: W. Sorensen
Third Place: B. Young

KEVIN GREAVES MEMORIAL HANDICAP SINGLES:

Winner: A. Preston
Runner Up: J. Hughes
Third Place: J. Tuhoro

HANDICAP PAIRS

Winner: P. Martin and M. Afendoulis
Runner Up: W. Sorensen and E. Pilcher
Third Place: B. Irving and B. Young

OPEN PAIRS

Winner: M. Hapi and R. Parata
Runner Up: P. Dodanis and B. Harper
Third Place: A. Conaghan and J. Andersen

CLUB NIGHT SHIELD

Winner: G. Owen

A GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner: M. Scarborough
Runner Up: S. Thomas
Third Place: G. Klinac

B GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner: B. Irving
Runner Up: D. Crouch
Third Place: W. Sorensen

C GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner: D. Hunter
Runner Up: G. Owen

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Winner: D. Hunter and J. Hughes
Runner Up: G. Owen



PAINUI MARTIN AND MIKE AFENDOULIS TRIUMPHED IN THE HANDICAP PAIRS.



THE MOST IMPROVED AWARD WAS SHARED BY DANIEL HUNTER AND JASON HUGHES.



KEVIN GREAVES MEMORIAL HANDICAP SINGLES WINNER
ALAN PRESTON.



JOHN FRANKLIN MEMORIAL WINNER WINSTON SORESENSEN AND BRUCE YOUNG.



WAISTCOATS WERE AWARDED TO C GRADE CHAMP DANIEL HUNTER, B GRADE CHAMP BRUCE IRVING
— AND FOR SERVICES TO THE SUBSECTION, SHANNON OWEN.



CLUB NIGHT SHIELD WINNER GARETH OWEN.

FRANKTON JUNCTION BOWLING CLUB

Frankton Junction Bowling Club is thrilled to celebrate a successful year since the opening of our dome.

It has been an exciting time for our club, filled with memorable experiences on the green. Our inaugural 5 week league tournament was a tremendous success, drawing an enthusiastic response from participants.

We also hosted a fantastic two day tournament that featured talented players from various clubs in the Waikato region and beyond.

Every month we proudly opened our doors for an open day, welcoming bowlers from other clubs to join us. One of these events attracted over 30 bowlers from the Waitara Bowling Club, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

Our members actively participated in both the women's and men's Clubs NZ Tournament, showcasing outstanding talent. Throughout the summer we held numerous open tournaments and club days, recording we held numerous open tournaments and club days, recording impressive attendance and engagement.

Many of our players took part in Waikato open events and, thanks to their exceptional skills, some have been selected to represent Waikato in key fixtures.

We are proud to report that FJBC membership has grown to about 155 members and continues to expand. Here's to another successful year members and continues to expand. Here's to another successful year ahead!



KEVIN JUDSON, TONY GRAY, JUDI BISHOP
AND ALLAN BOWLER PICTURED AT AN
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Frankton Junction Bowling Club

■ **Club Days, Championships,
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**New Members are Welcome
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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club championships were a highlight of the year. Here are our winners:

WOMEN

Singles: D. Pakinga
Pairs: K. Gray, A. Hadley
Triples: D. Rayn, K. Gray, A. Hadley
4's: N. Hancock, K. Gray, C. Drinnan, A. Hadley

MEN

Singles: B. Cathro
Pairs: S. Liddington, G. Lambly
Triples: W. Bennett, A. Bowler, B. Cathro
4's: T. Fletcher, W. Pakings, R. Watt, E. Knox

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Women's Singles: A. Walsh
Women's Pairs: A. Walsh, J. Gonano
Men's Singles: D. Carter
Men's Pairs: D. Carter, J. Ponga

These talented winners proudly represented FJBC in the Waikato Champion of Champions.

In the FJBC Mixed competitions, our winning teams were:

Pairs: B. Cathro, D. Pakinga
Triples: L. Vallance, G. Sirbu, J. Vallance
Fours: D. Campbell, N. Reid, B. Osmond, J. Bishop



CLIFF HINTON ENJOYS THE EXPANSE OF CLUB'S INDOOR FACILITIES.

REMEMBERING MICHELLE

CLUB SECRETARY MARGARET CAMERON WROTE THIS EULOGY TO STAFF MEMBER MICHELLE SOLIA, WHO WE LOST IN 2024, FOR THE YEARBOOK.

Michelle Solia came to work at the Club just over five years ago when she applied for a receptionist role. At the time she was living in Rotorua and I thought to myself I wonder if she is really going to want to uproot everything and move to another city to work with us - or if she will meet us all and change her mind?

I remember her arriving in her much loved multi coloured car and wondering how it would ever make the trip backwards and forwards from Rotorua but she assured me it would and that it was a reliable old girl just like her.

She loved that car but was so pleased with herself last year when she bought her “new to her” car and it even had a working CD player. She loved music and took line dancing lessons in her spare time.

Michelle was one of the most reliable and dependable people you could ever meet. If she told you she was going to do something you could bet your bottom dollar it would be done whether it was at work or just in general. I lost count of the times that she would remind us about something important that needed doing that we had not even thought about yet. We will certainly miss her doing that. Her straight up personality always let you know exactly what she was thinking and there was no hiding from her if she wanted something signed or a decision made.

Every morning we were greeted with a huge smile and a comment about how great the day was going to be, sometimes I would just shake my head and wonder how she was always so positive, maybe it was the coffee machine her family gave her one year which she loved and swore was amazing.

So many members ask where Michelle is and express their sadness on hearing the news – although this has been hard, I hope that people always continue to talk about Michelle as she was a big part of so many people’s club lives.



Michelle would often talk about her children and her grand-babies and how much she loved being a grandma. She really wasn’t happy that they were all growing up! To Michelle there was no better place on earth than being surrounded by her family.

We will all miss her smile, her sense of humour, her personality and her company. Most of all we will miss Michelle.

HIRE US

Your club is a member’s only facility – but private functions can be held at the Pavilion with club management approval. The Pavilion is spacious, fully air-conditioned and seats up to 120 people. It’s ideally suited for weddings, birthdays, private functions, social club events, meetings and seminars.

CLUB SUBS

Your club continues to keep membership fees low. Full membership is just \$50 a year and \$25 for your partner. Members who have reached the age of \$65 also pay \$25 a year and a junior membership, for those aged under 18, is available for \$10. An application fee of \$25 for new members - for administrative work – is also charged. Subscriptions are paid yearly in advance. The Club’s financial year commences on April 1 and all subscriptions are due by May 8.

CARDS SUBSECTION

The year 2024 was another successful one for the card subsection. It also saw several new members welcomed in from the Combined Returned Services Club.

The cards section sent teams to the national events at Kaiapoi, Castle Cliff, Taupō, Papanui and Weymouth with mixed results.

R Moore was the winner at the Lamb and Ham tournament at Weymouth

During the year one of our members, Conn Bradcock, passed away. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Starting times for our Club days:

Cribbage - Wednesday afternoon.

Names in by 12.50pm, start time 1pm

Euchre - Thursday morning.

Start as close to 10am as possible.

500 - Thursday afternoon.

Names in by 12.50pm, start by 1pm

Committee:

Chairperson - Joyce Blair

Vice Chairperson - Peter Hammington

Secretary - Georgina Morris

Treasurer - Bob Lord

Committee - K Lord, C Taylor, D Fletcher,
T Berchell, L Buck, J Comer, N Hedley.

More information

Please contact Peter Hammington or Joyce Blair or enquire at the front office.



HWMC Card & Table Games Section

Enjoy playing cards?

- Wednesday: Crib 12.50pm - 3.30pm
- Thursday: Euchre 10.15am - 12.00pm
- Progressive 500 12.50pm - 3.30pm
- Names please 10 minutes prior to starting time

Please contact JOYCE BLAIR 021 620 063

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

George Williams Drawn Pairs, Euchre
G Williams and K Lord

Beryl Thornton Drawn Pairs, Euchre
G Williams and J Blair

Warren Pearce Singles, Euchre
K Lord and B Lord - K Lord won the play off

Jack Bell Own Partners, 500
R Moore and G Drinnan

Morris Drawn Pairs, 500
J Lynn and R Moore

Don Evans Singles
P Hammington



WARREN PEARCE EUCHE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
WINNER WAS K LORD



JACK BELL 'OWN PARTNERS 500' IN 2024.
WINNERS WERE R MOORE AND G DRINNAN



GEORGE WILLIAMS DRAWN PAIRS CRIB IN 2024
WINNERS WERE G WILLIAMS AND K LORD



HWMC CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES
WINNER WAS P HAMMINGTON.



MORRIS CRIBBAGE TROPHY DRAWN PAIRS
WINNERS WERE R MOORE AND J LYNN.

SIGNING IN

Members may sign in up to three visitors at any one time and in doing so agree to accompany their guests and accept responsibility for them. Members are required to ensure their visitors sign-in and that the visitor retains their sign in slip and can produce it if required. If you are an affiliated member – a member of another club affiliated to ClubsNZ - you may accompany one visitor. If you wish to host larger groups, discuss this with the club management first.

LINE DANCING

Line Dancing sessions run regularly at the club. Tuesday has beginners' sessions from 10-11am and improvers from 11am-12.30pm. Thursday has a 7-9pm session and Friday a 10-11am session for beginners and an open session from 11am to 12.30pm.

POKER SUBSECTION

We have now been in our area where the old TAB was located for just over a year and it has proven to be popular with our members who are privileged to have an area of the club to call home. It has been well received by our visiting players and with local players and membership has strengthened hugely.

The calibre of players has definitely risen which is good to see as it is one of the goals we strive for in our sub section. The excellent deep running at various regional tournaments continued with the HWMC well represented across the board.

This year will be the first time we send players to Christchurch for the New Zealand Poker Champs (NZPC) in August to represent HWMC. This is a huge achievement and well deserved by the players who are going. We wish them the best of luck. It shows the commitment the committee has, working hard to ensure we continue to send players to bigger regional and national games to represent HWMC.

Congratulations to the following HWMC Club Poker Champions:

- Thursday Night League Champion for 2024 - Isaac Koroheke.
- Friday Night League Champion for 2024 - Jeff Niwa.
- 2024 HWMC Omaha Club Champion - Dave Bulloch
- HWMC Texas Hold'em Club Champion for 2024 - Herewaina Tumahai.

2024 was also a great year for HWMC Poker, with a strong representation of club players at the Waikato champs taking a clean sweep of all categories.

We also sent a large contingent to Manurewa for North Island champs and they returned with the trophy. The 2024 Champion Sandra Taitoko secured the win for HWMC and made everybody who attended proud and honoured to be part of the team.

The continuation of "Class 3 Games" has given our players the opportunity to test themselves and compete against other high quality players within New Zealand who have travelled to HWMC to play.

The benefits of this have been noticed in the rise of calibre of our local members.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the committee for the efforts that went into ensuring our tournaments are run successfully. To the players and supporters who travelled from near and far to make this game a success, thank you.

HWMC Poker Section

Good times. Good people. Good poker!

Tuesday night game – 5:30pm start.

Thursday night game - 6:30pm start. 12 week league tournament with cash prizes.

Friday night game - 6:30pm start.

Frequent Saturday games with cash prizes and various games.

For more information contact: BRYCE TINKLER 027 496 3422, or visit FACEBOOK@HWMCPOKER or Reception 07 847 6476

Thank you HWMC for your support and time behind the scenes as without this we would not have the opportunity to host such great tournaments in a wonderful facility.

Finally, once again, thank you to the committee and the supporting members for all the hard work and assistance over the previous 12 months which have been successful. We are looking forward to another great year of healthy competition as we continue to improve.

Good Cards

Bryce Tinkler
HWMC Poker Sub Section Chairman



BRUCE COUPER (RIGHT) - MATARIKI ROTATION WINNER



DANNY WISNEWSKI (RIGHT) - PLO WINNER



MELANIE SHEA – WAIKATO
CHAMPS LADIES WINNER



HEREWAINA TUMAHAI - HOLD'EM
CHAMPION



SANDY TAITOKO – NORTH ISLAND CLUBS CHAMPION



MIKE AFENDOULIS – TEXAS
HOLD'EM WINNER



DAVE BULLOCH - OMAHA CHAMPION



KAYNE SUTHERLAND (RIGHT) AT THE TABLE



CHRIS LIM – WITH HIS BOUNTY



CLINTON SLACK – HEADS UP
CHALLENGE CHAMP



MIKEY ASPINALL – WAIKATO CHAMPS BOUNTY HUNTER CHAMPION

HWMC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2024 Omaha Champion** Dave Bulloch
- 2024 Hold'em Champion** Herewaina Tumahai
- 2024 Thursday Night League Champion** Isaac Koroheke
- 2024 Thursday Night League Champion** Isaac Koroheke
- 2024 Friday Night League Champion** Jeff Niwa

WAIKATO CHAMPS

- 2024 – PLO - Winner** Danny Wisnewski
- 2024 – PLO – 3rd Place** Les Currie
- 2024 – Ladies - Winner** Melanie Shea
- 2024 – Ladies – 3rd Place** Rachel Bellard
- 2024 – Texas Hold'em - Winner** Mike Afendoulis

- 2024 – Texas Hold'em – 2nd Place** Devon Kyle

- 2024 – Texas Hold'em – 3rd Place** Mike Ralm

- 2024 – Bounty - Winner** Justine Hayes
- 2024 – Bounty – 2nd Place** Paul Truscott

CLUB NEW ZEALAND NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2024 – 1st Place** Sandra Taitoko
- 2024 – 5th Place** Danny Wisnewski

POKER CLUB DAYS

- Tuesday – 5:30pm Start
- Thursday – 6:30pm Start
- Friday – 6:30pm Start
- Saturdays – 4pm Start

EIGHT-BALL SUBSECTION

We are thrilled to share the exciting revival of the 8 Ball Subsection at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

Our first major initiative was to increase the number of 8 ball tables from four to seven.

With these new tables in place and our dedicated committee hard at work, we launched our club nights (every Thursday at 7pm). There is a wonderful mix of both long-time members and newcomers with abilities ranging from beginners to national champions. Everyone is welcome to join in with the fun, learning and camaraderie.

Our subsection has a strong and active social media presence, and all are welcome to join our Facebook page to keep informed with up-coming tournaments, Thursday night results and other current news.

Our club proudly supported a good number of players to participate in the 2024 CNZ Nationals Singles-Pairs held at Manurewa. It was fantastic to see our wonderful club represented at the national level in good numbers.

TOURNAMENTS:

Welcome Home Pairs (Open)

- Phyl Wilkinson/Chris Morgan beat Stephen Gupwell/Craig Ngati.

Our first Open tournament was a success with 30 teams christening our new setup. Players travelled from New Plymouth, Tokoroa, Matamata, Tauranga and Auckland. We even got a couple of new members to join up. We partnered with BnL Sports Promotions and live streamed the event with an international audience.

HWMC Championship Singles

- Jack Beggs beat Danny Ward.

A small but quality field saw one of our juniors win a tough final against a previous national masters winner. Jack has an exciting future.

Mooloo Singles (Open)

- Richard Parata beat Jack Beggs.

After the success of our first Open event our initial field size of 35 filled up in the matter of hours. We got out the calculators and did the sums and increased the field size to 45 which was also filled quickly. Jack made another final against another national master's winner. Richard's experience in the end won over the hard charging Jack.

HWMC Drawn Scotch Pairs

- Craig McKenzie and Jahziah Pirika beat Daniel Cole and Merv Taylor

Again, another junior in a final. Jahziah and Craig played smart to win the title. It is exciting to have Daniel join our club (all the way from the South Island) and draw Merv who is one of our long standing senior members.

Juniors:

We have a small number of juniors brimming with experience and even world championship titles. We also have juniors learning their craft and participating regularly. If you know of any youngsters you think may enjoy 8-ball contact us for help on getting them into the sport.

Want to learn more?

We have a qualified referee, coaches and experienced players who can help you learn this wonderful game.

2025:

We have a very full tournament calendar and initiatives for 2025, watch the Facebook page for details.

We look forward to continuing this momentum into the new year fostering a vibrant and inclusive community around our beloved game of 8 ball.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm.

HWMC 8 BALL SUBSECTION COMMITTEE

President - Duane Hapimana

Vice President - Cera Gupwell

Secretary - Justine Hickey

Treasurer - Tracey Rutene

Committee - Pat Stocks, Stephen Gupwell, Marino Hapi, Jeff O'Neill.

Cera Gupwell

8 Ball Subsection Vice President





THE OPEN WELCOME HOME PAIRS WINNERS WERE CHRIS MORGAN AND, RIGHT, PHYL WILKINSON.



CRAIG MACKENZIE (LEFT) AND JAHZIAH PIRIKA WON THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWN SCOTCH PAIRS.



KIRI BENNET, LEFT, AND TONY VITTLE – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MIXED PAIRS WINNERS.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES WINNER JACK BEGGS, LEFT, WITH RUNNER UP DANNY WARD.

FISHING SUBSECTION

The Hamilton Workingmen's Fishing Club section is a friendly group of fishing enthusiasts, welcoming members of all experience levels - from beginners to seasoned anglers.

With a membership of 70 men and women, the club offers a great opportunity to enjoy fishing in a sporting and social environment. This year we were excited to welcome new members from the Combined Returned Services Club fishing section.

The club subsidises fishing charters to popular fishing spots throughout the Waikato and Coromandel regions. Some of our favourite destinations include Raglan and Kawhia on the West Coast as well as the mussel farms off Waikawau in the Coromandel. Additionally, this year saw two charters heading out off Maketu in the Bay of Plenty.

Snapper is the main catch on our trips but members reel in a variety of other fish including gurnard, terakihi, kahawai, kingfish and trevally.

Our charter operators are experienced skippers who know their coastline and ensure trips only proceed in safe weather conditions. Club charters typically run from September through to April with occasional winter trips depending on interest and conditions.

The more experienced anglers often venture to the West Coast venues, while the mussel farms are perfect for newer members or those who prefer calmer waters. Whether you're a seasoned fisher or just starting out, there's a place for everyone at our club.

The club's annual tournament is held each March and to be eligible, members must have completed seven raffle nights throughout the financial year. The revenue from raffle sales plays a vital role in the funding of the tournament and allows the club to subsidise 50 per cent of the cost of charters across the year.

Traditionally, the tournament has been hosted in Coromandel Town, but in 2024 it was moved to Tapu to reduce costs and provide a fresh experience. The event features prizes for the heaviest catches across five categories - snapper, kingfish, trevally, kahawai and gurnard with prizes totalling \$2700. The weekend also includes a dinner, prizegiving ceremony and a post tournament breakfast, with accommodation and meal costs subsidised by the club.

The club holds a "heaviest snapper" competition across the year with cash prizes for first, second and third.

HWMC Fishing Club

- Monthly subsidised chartered fishing trips (Coromandel, Raglan and various other places)
- Annual fishing tournament (great prizes)
- Annual prizes for biggest snapper caught

Meetings ... 3rd Wednesday of Month

New Members Welcome

Please enquire to

MARY-ANN THOMAS 027 496 1486, JILL STRACHAN 027 413 2325
or email clubfishingnews@gmail.com or Reception 07 847 6476



MIKE OSBORNE AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CHARTER OFF RAGLAN.

The winners in the 2023-24 season were: West Coast: D'Artagnan Lewis - 7.80kg, East Coast: Jim Davis - 3.39kg.

If you would like to join the fishing club, the annual membership fee is just \$30 on top of your regular Hamilton Workingmen's club subscription. It's great value as you can save \$60 to \$80 off each charter.

The fishing club elects its committee at the annual meeting in May, and the committee meets every third Thursday of the month. Members enjoy a festive Christmas dinner and mid-year event creating opportunities to connect in a social setting.

You don't need to be an experienced angler to join the Hamilton Workingmen's club fishing section. It's a great way to have fun and share the outdoor experience with like-minded people and of course enjoy fresh fish for dinner.

Contacts:

Murray Deed, Club Commodore - 022 471 4570,
Jill Strachan, Secretary - 027 413 2325,
Steve Rowe - Fishing Coordinator, 021 945 211.

Steve Rowe
Fishing coordinator



SOLOMON RAJENDRAM SHOWING OFF HIS KINGFISH CAUGHT OFF RAGLAN.



JILL STRACHAN WON THE PRIZE FOR THE HEAVIEST SNAPPER CAUGHT AT THE 2024 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT IN COROMANDEL.



D'ARTAGNAN LEWIS WON THE 2023-24 AWARD FOR HEAVIEST SNAPPER CAUGHT ON THE WEST COAST.



GRANT O'CONNOR SHOWS OFF HIS SNAPPER CAUGHT OFF RAGLAN.



A SUCCESSFUL DAY AT KAWHIA.



MARGARET BRIMBLECOMBE WITH A SNAPPER ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT THE MUSSEL FARMS NORTH OF THAMES.



RITA SARIC WITH AN EXCELLENT TROUT AT LAKE TAUPO ON A WINTER CHARTER.



FISHING CLUB COMMODORE MURRAY DEED WITH TWO SNAPPER CAUGHT AT KAWHIA.

LEARNING ABOUT ROBERTO

AFTER INDOOR BOWLING SUBSECTION MEMBER ROBERTO SARAVIA DIED, FELLOW MEMBERS LEARNED A GREAT DEAL MORE ABOUT HIM – THANKS TO RICHARD SWAINSON'S OBITUARY IN THE WAIKATO TIMES, WHICH THE TIMES HAS KINDLY ALLOWED US TO REPUBLISH.

When Roberto Saravia took charge of the Mill Street Field his cooking made headlines in both his adopted home of Hamilton and his native Argentina.

The year was 2013, the event a prelude to a rugby test match between the All Blacks and Argentina's First XV. Serving upwards of 150, overseeing the mass barbecuing of 400kg of steak, six lambs and 10kg of sausages, Roberto was in his element. He told the Waikato Times, "it is to bring people together and welcome the Pumas". Locals and visiting



ROBERTO'S FAMILY IN BUENOS AIRES IN THE 1950S. IN THE PICTURE ARE ROBERTO'S FATHER, MOTHER, UNCLE AND HIS GRANDMOTHER, ANNA MARIA BUTKUS, ROBERTO AND HIS SISTER LILIANA



ROBERTO SARAVIA

fans alike enjoyed his mastery of the giant, public asado where meat is slow-cooked for hours over a bed of hot wood-ash, New Zealand manuka being just right for the task. They also warmed to the presence of the cook himself, whose wide smiles and broad laughter were infectious.

Roberto was vibrant and charismatic. He toiled in a variety of jobs and occupations across three countries before finding his niche, enjoying success later in life, "monetising his cultural heritage" as his wife Ann Hardy puts it, drawing on cooking skills taught him in youth by a beloved grandmother. His barbecue stall became something close to a Hamilton institution, serving barbecued meat with pungent chimichurri sauce to crowds at the Home Show, the Ngāruawāhia Regatta and lastly at Gourmet in the Gardens. When he gained New Zealand citizenship, then Hamilton East MP David Bennett described him as simply "the man who feeds us".

The public recognition was of a type sought by most immigrants, those often challenged by the perceived need to prove themselves over and over again in a new country. Roberto, says Ann, "got the inclusion that he wanted" and was proud to become a New Zealand resident in 2009 and later, a citizen.

Ramon Roberto Saravia was born July 2, 1950, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, one of the two children of Ramon Alejandro Saravia and Adela Maria Saravia (née Butkus). As a child he was particularly close to his maternal grandmother Anna Maria, who hailed originally from Lithuania. Cooking lessons extended beyond Argentine cuisine, incorporating the dumplings of her native land.

Roberto's early education was often balanced uncomfortably against a need to contribute to the family income. He was first employed at the age of seven, running errands in a panel beater's garage, working mornings before going to school in the afternoon. At nine years old he had a job in his uncle's battery shop, soldering batteries. The lead and sulphuric acid fumes irritated his lungs. If the business was a profitable one, Roberto himself was paid but a pittance. Working from such a young age inevitably impacted on Roberto's education. Tired in class, he often fell asleep.

In 1962, aged 12, he was sent to the Escuela Naval Militar, the military academy of the Argentine Navy. Here he discovered he was no sailor or

soldier, lasting six months only. It was an outcome he never regretted, given the potential fate of classmates destined to fight in General Galtieri's ill-judged Falklands War two

decades hence. Roberto was heard to remark later, “thank God I didn’t continue on and die in the General Belgrano”.

Shortly afterwards the Saravias shifted north to Cordoba where Roberto’s father took a job in a university library whilst nursing an ambition to himself write a book. At the age of 14 Roberto secured his dream position, working as a sports journalist for a Cordoba radio station. His speciality became car racing. A long time car enthusiast, he described the experience as being “in the box”: if not literally within a commentary box, calling races, figuratively doing exactly what he wanted.

Sadly, the job was a voluntary one, contributing nothing to the family coffers. Subsequent employment was by necessity better remunerated, but it was not always dull. Roberto was for a time a singer and dancer in musical theatre. He became a skilled practitioner and teacher of the tango. He learnt magic tricks and, an early entrant to the gig economy, would perform at children’s parties.

In his mid-20s Roberto worked as caregiver to a terminally ill man, a poet by the name of Attaliva. Around the same time, he met Beatriz Sintes, who was to become his first wife, and the pair moved to Uruguay where they named their first born child Favio Attaliva in honour of his former employer. Roberto worked for a time in a photo laboratory. They were to later have a second son, Leonardo Sebastian.

In Uruguay, Roberto became a driver and owner of taxis. Always hard working, he proved as dedicated a provider for his own family as he had been for that of his parents and sister. Favio and Sebastian wanted for nothing and enjoyed a close relationship with their father. Sebastian describes Roberto as “a kind man, a funny man”, highly skilled in a variety of fields, who was “always caring about people”, who gave his children a strong moral compass.

With the end of his marriage, Roberto emigrated to New Zealand in a period when many of his fellow Argentines and Uruguayans were also leaving the lands of their birth, searching for new opportunities in the wake of the region’s early 2000s financial crisis. He had also personally survived a major heart attack.

Working as a welder, building caravans for a Hamilton based company, Roberto became an integral part of the city’s emerging Latino community. A natural people person, a lover of food, music and dance, he formed firm friendships with fellow Spanish speakers who were also a long way from home.

It was through this community that Roberto met Ann Hardy, a university lecturer, at a Latina jewellery selling party. He was the only male at the event - there was a degree of contrivance involved. Ann had been approached by a student and that student’s mother with a suggestion that she might like to make his acquaintance. Roberto had also been advised to attend. It was 21st century matchmaking in action

The initial meeting went well enough to encourage a second. However, Roberto’s departure soon after, for an extended visit to Uruguay, seemingly put an end to the burgeoning romance. When he did return it was with fresh resolve. Travelling from the airport to Ann’s office, he spoke directly, saying “you work with words, and I work with my

hands: we could be a good team”.

The sentiment proved compelling. With both parties prepared to take a chance, things progressed quickly. Roberto and Ann were married in 2008 at the University of Waikato’s Lady Goodfellow Chapel. The reception, at a colleague’s house was both joyous and well catered, with Roberto himself supervising the cooking. Sebastian, who had travelled from Uruguay to attend, thereafter himself settled in the Waikato, together with his partner Rochelle.

Roberto’s passion for fishing announced itself the day after the wedding, a surprise to Ann. Being from distinct cultures, languages and backgrounds, there were further revelations ahead. Roberto taught Ann and many others to tango and performed at the Hispanic Spring festival for several years. He impressed as a skilled archer, magician, gardener and later a competitive bowler at the Cosmopolitan and Hamilton Workingmen’s Clubs. He encouraged Ann to learn Spanish as she gently improved his English.

Around 2010 Roberto snapped a tendon in his arm whilst at work. Although this responded well to treatment his employers took the opportunity to make him redundant. Unemployed at the age of 60, he was never again to find formal, paid work.

Stressful in the short term, the challenge brought out the best in Roberto. No stranger to career upheaval, he and Ann purchased a caravan and began to sell candy floss at festivals and A & P shows on the weekends. It was a forerunner to greater success. When the market became wary of sugar, barbecued meat in the Argentine manner became Roberto’s vocation.

The night that the barbecue operation was launched it attracted the attention of Dallas Fisher, head of Montana Catering. On the strength of a tasting, Fisher offered Roberto and Ann a stall at the Rhythm and Vines Festival in Gisborne, a large and prestigious event. The honour proved impractical to take up given the infancy of their business, but it was indicative of their product’s worth and future.

Given barbecuing over hot ashes required outdoor conditions, sunny days could result in large profits. Rainy days required an equivalent tolerance of losses but on balance the business generated sufficient funds for Roberto to travel back to Argentina and Uruguay more than once.

Time spent in Uruguay saw Roberto establish a warm connection with his two grandchildren. He also particularly valued the experience of rising early and eating breakfast with son Favio. In Buenos Aires he and Ann visited Roberto’s sister Liliana, with whom he had always kept in touch.

A trip to Uppsala, Sweden, accompanying Ann to an academic conference saw Roberto able to additionally visit his late grandmother’s country of origin, where he was taken by one elderly woman’s similarity to Anna Maria, so much so that he addressed her enthusiastically in Spanish.

Alas, the astounded Lithuanian geriatric lacked the words to reply.

GOLF

It's been another busy and eventful year and we have played on courses both near and far.

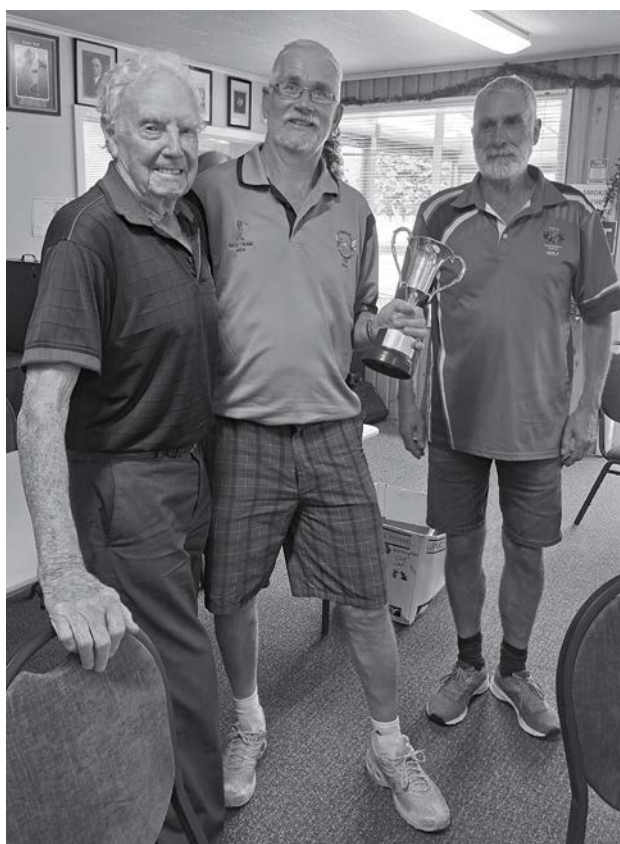
For our mid-winter trip we went to Counties-Manukau and played at Waiuku on the Saturday and Pukekohe on Sunday. Whilst we enjoyed their hospitality we stayed at the worst motel ever and the breakfast at a cafe in Waiuku was just as bad!

In November about 20 supporters travelled to Whanganui to compete in the North Island Chartered Clubs tournament hosted by the Castlecliff Golf Club in conjunction with the St John's Club.

The practice round was on Thursday followed by competition on the Friday and Saturday.

Unfortunately, our team didn't meet our expectations and finished down the ladder – but they looked smart in their new shirts.

This year's event will be hosted by the Rotorua Club and qualifying rounds have begun.



BUB BRIGHOUSE PRESENTS NEIL SPARKE WITH THE TROPHY FOR BEST PLACED FINISH BY A CLUB MEMBER AT THE NORTH ISLAND CHARTERED CLUBS EVENT. BRUCE RITCHIE IS PICTURED RIGHT.

HWMC Golf Club

- Opening Day (January)
- Monthly tournaments (including qualifying for National North Island Chartered Club Championships)
- Christmas tournament
- Social trips
- North Island Chartered Clubs Championship (Qualified players and supporters)

New Members Welcome

Please contact **BRUCE RITCHIE 0210763501** or
Reception 07-847 6476

Our active membership numbers have stayed about the same. We have a high attrition rate due to old age and injury but we welcomed several new members including some ladies, which is good to see.

We are always keen for more members to join us. For enquiries see me or club captain Tim Hema for more information.

Our season finished up at Christmas when we had our annual meeting and prizegiving.

This year's winners were:

Lowest round – Steve Williamson

Best overall – Mike Swindells

Best at NICC – Neil Sprake

Most improved – Brian Durham

Best Lady – Kore Hema

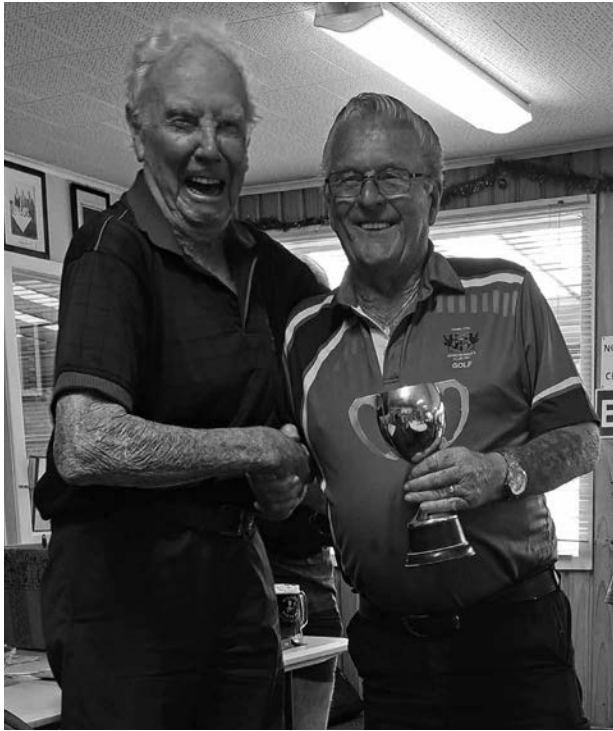
This year was notable for two reasons – firstly, Peter Lee was made a life member (see story) for his services and support over many years.

Secondly, Tony Batters (Bones) claimed his first win after trying valiantly for two decades. Good stuff.

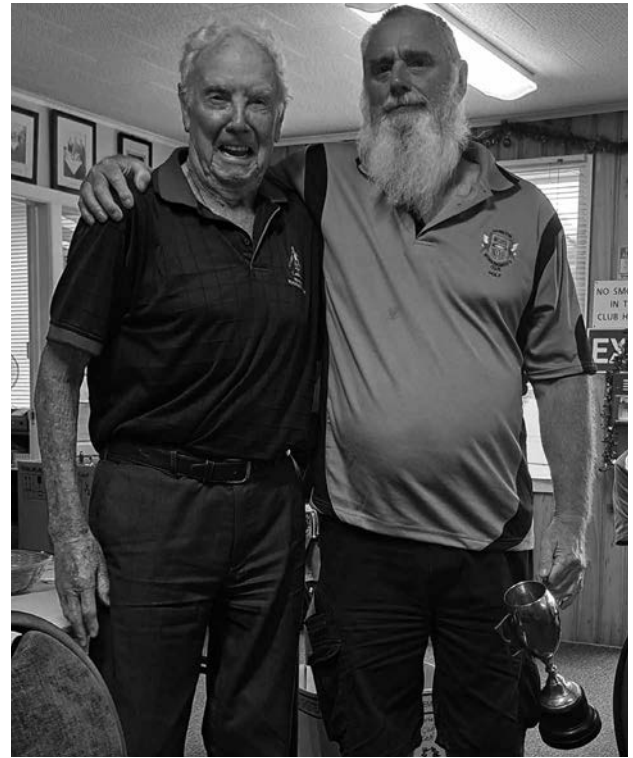
I'd like to thank our hard working committee for their efforts on club day and also the raffle bar. A big thanks to the Hamilton Workingmen's Club for continuing to part sponsor two very worthy charity tournaments.

Don't miss out, come and join the fun.

Bruce Ritchie, Chairperson



BUB BRIGHOUSE AND MIKE (ELVIS) SWINDELLS WITH THE OVERALL BEST STABLEFORD TROPHY.



A VERY HAPPY TONY BATTERS – 'BONES' – CELEBRATES HIS FIRST WIN.

LIFE FOR PETER

Peter Lee is the type of club member who gets things done.

"You don't need to ask, it's a given, says golf subsection chairperson Bruce Ritchie.

It's Lee's work and the fact he has held key positions in the club that prompted him to be made a life member of the golf subsection in December 2024.

Peter started playing in Palmerston North at the Awatapu Golf Club, joining friends for rounds in 1975, and today plays off a 16 handicap – having got down to nine at one time.

His career in the National Bank took him to branches in Palmerston North, Taupō, Wellington, Hastings, Whangārei and, in Hamilton, the city, Te Rapa and Frankton.

He joined the Hamilton Workingmen's Club in the mid-80s when the club was based in Harwood Street but spent a few years away when work took him up north.

His involvement with the golf subsection has been as president, secretary and treasurer – and around 2010 he was a key organiser of the annual North Island Chartered Clubs tournament when it was played at Lochiel and Ngāruawāhia.

Today he's still to the fore helping organise club raffles, saying it's fun, and he enjoyed the social atmosphere.



KORE HEMA WITH BUB BRIGHOUSE WITH THE LADIES' PLATE.



PETER LEE, LEFT, PICTURED WITH GOLF SUBSECTION CHAIRPERSON BRUCE RITCHIE

DARTS SUBSECTION

FROM DAPHNE WALTER'S REPORT...

For those who missed the annual meeting, I am the new Hamilton Workingmen Club's club captain.

To Rod Wood, we thank you for all you did for the club and the roles you filled during your time. You have done an amazing job. Your shoes will be hard to fill, but I know I can go head on with the challenges ahead.

About Me: I'm 44 years old, I have one son Deacon (17). I work casually in Auckland, I'm also carer of my mum. I have played for Workies since end of 2019, but have known Flo and Bryan as far back as when I was a Junior. Basically breathed darts... if you didn't know I have three sisters who also play for Workies, I'll let you figure it out.

I have represented the club in the North Island ranking championships, where I won it, APDE singles winner, APDE pairs with my sister Corrina Walters-Lui, winners two years running, runners up in the area mixed pairs 2023 and was Clubs NZ nationals in Pukekohe runner-up 2023.

I was part of the WSA the Inter-Areas winning team in 2023, then made the North island Team and was in the HDA ladies pairs winning team two years in a row.

I am committed and can't wait to get things rolling for our club Together we are going to bring the love back for darts.

I would love to hear some ideas within the Club (Dart Section).

Lessgo Workies!



CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONS 2024 - OLIVER HENDLE AND NIKOLI CHRISTIANSEN.

HWMC Darts Club

Join the Champions!

DRAWN PAIRS ■ FRIDAY NIGHTS ■ NAMES IN BY 7PM

Contacts: FLO FAUNCH

Members keen to join the successful Darts & Social Section should contact FLO 021 022 67339, or Reception 07 847 6476

AND THE WINNERS WERE:

Club singles – Men's final, Alex Middleton beat Brian McLeskie. Women, Daphne Walters beat Mai Solomon Waenga.

Club pairs – Men, Oliver Hendle and Nikolai Christiansen. Women, Daphne Walters, Corrina Walters-Lui.

Alan Balks Most Consistent player - Lindsay Gibbons

Dunne Trophy, Most Friday night 180's - Danuel Osborne

Charlie Wells trophy, Most improved player, league - Charmaine Warner

Most Improved player – Friday nights - Merv Nelley

Charlie Wells trophy, Personality of the year - Rowan Hodgson

Development Trophy - Laurie Hitchens

Junior Boys - Ethan Hobson



THE FLO FAUNCH THREES TOURNAMENT WAS WON BY MICHAEL RITCHIE, APRIL UERATA AND DANUEL OSBORNE.

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

- 120 players played 1358 times.
- 20 180's were recorded and Kelemete Silao claimed four
- 183 140's were recorded and Danuel Osborne claimed 36
- Women's highest finish was 130 by Daphne Walters
- Men's highest finish was 161 by Danuel Osborne
- Junior boys highest finish was 79 by Braydon
- Junior boys highest score was 136 by Winiata
- Youth boys highest score was 160 by Deacon
- Youth boys highest finish was 94 by Deacon
- Youth girls highest score was 126 by Jasmine
- Youth girls highest finish was 60 by Jasmine



THE CLUB'S JUNIOR PAIRS TITLE FOR 2024 WENT TO WINIATA WAITAI AND TAMATI GRAY-LORD.



THE CLUB AND HAMILTON DARTS ASSOCIATION LADIES PAIRS WINNERS WERE DAPHNE WALTERS AND CORRINA WALTERS-LUI.



DAPHNE WALTERS COLLECTED THE CLUB AND HDA LADIES' SINGLES TITLE.



ALEX MIDDLETON WAS CROWNED THE 2024 MEN'S SINGLES CLUB CHAMP.

EVENT RESULTS

Hamilton Darts Association Fixtures

Edith Kilgour drawn mixed pairs – the first tournament of the year was won by Corrina Walters-Lui with a drawn partner from the Cambridge Cossie Club in Brad Cook.

Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club June club fours

Best result here was our first division finishing runners-up to Cambridge. But a shame that our two teams had to meet first in the semifinals - so one team had to go.

Mixed threes at the Workingmen's, July

Workingmen's Club players were to the fore at this Flo Faunch tournament. Danuel Osborne was part of the winning team. Corrina Walters-Lui was with the runners up, while Lei Lui, John and Connie Dick took out the consolation.

Hamilton Darts Association divisional champs

Not much joy here. Best Workies could do was runner up in the second division with Lindsay Gibbons.

Hamilton Darts Association pairs champs

Only names in the limelight were the Walters – ladies pairs winners

Daphne and Corrina.

Hamilton Darts Association singles champs

Daphne Walters .

Area Championships – Whangamata

Sisters Crystal and Corrina won the women's pairs, Connie Dick finished third equal in the women's singles with Crystal runner up. Daphne and Crystal made the Area Team.

2024 Nationals in Invercargill

This year three players represented us at this event - John and Connie Dick plus Crystal Walters. Connie finished runner up in the plate round.



CORRINA WALTERS-LUI AND CRYSTAL WALTERS TEAMED UP TO WIN THE WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY THAMES VALLEY AREA LADIES PAIRS IN WHANGAMATA.

PROFILE

CHE ORTON

WE CATCH UP WITH CHE ORTON – A FAMILIAR FACE ON THE HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB STAGE TO FIND OUT WHAT HE DOES BETWEEN PERFORMING SHOWS FOR MEMBERS.

In the wake of Covid opportunity didn't knock for Che Orton – it called.

The entertainer, a regular performer at our club, had been upstaged by the epidemic – and with the lockdowns there was no work for someone who had been a full time performer.

He had taken on work as a first responder for St John, and it was on one trip with patient on board that his phone rang. And rang. And rang.

Che couldn't take the call, but as soon as he had finished his job, he checked his messages to find an urgent "call me now".

A colleague in the music industry had to pass up work on a cruise ship leaving Japan in a few days time – and suggested Che should do it.

Almost three years later the weeks away performing a couple of sets as a guest entertainer on board the Diamond Princess as it journeys around South East Asia and on the Tasman Sea have become a regular gig.

And when we spoke in March, Che was preparing to fly to Los Angeles and then on to a port in Mexico for his next trip.

It's not quite the life of former police detective Jack Grayling in the BBC's latest light-hearted crime programme The Good Ship Murder. Che must be prepared to perfection with music sheets to supply to a seven piece band who have an hour to get to know him.

Then over the next week he will perform a couple of shows – one as Elvis Presley – more of that later - and one as himself.

And truth be told, the work certainly pays the bills – but travelling solo on a cruise ship and thinking about the wife and family at home isn't Che's idea of a dream getaway.

But it is a good place to be for someone who was "politely" asked to leave Fraser High School as a teenager.



CLUB FAN – CHE ENJOYS PERFORMING AT THE WORKINGMEN'S CLUB.

It wasn't so much that he was a troublesome student – the personable young man actually thought of some of his teachers as friends – he just wanted to play music rather than study the three Rs.

Che was born in Thames and grew up in Paeroa where he stayed until turning six when his dad joined the team at Terry Booth Toyota in Hamilton. He went to Nawton Primary and Maeroa Intermediate before Fraser High School.

It was a rule in the family that if you left school you had to have a job.

Che had been the "lackey" at Lloyd Davis Panelbeaters and when he told his boss he was now out of school, he was told to turn up at seven the next day.

Short work stints followed – Che was a "hammer hand" building Skyline garages, he loved building trusses at PlaceMakers then did some painting before becoming an orderly at Waikato Hospital.

It was a job that he stayed in for seven years – and led to him meeting a nurse named Lucy. They celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary the day before our chat.

And through it all has been music.

When he was 15 and a member of The Drifters Rock and Roll Club, plans were announced to hire an Elvis tribute artist for an annual event.

Che cheekily volunteered to do the job – and to his surprise was accepted. Weekends performing with the likes of Tom Sharplin and Ritchie Pickett at Te Rapa's Red Gables followed.

He met Paul Madsen who had a Bee Gees tribute band, and Che – who loves Elvis and the Bee Gees – joined it, performing as Robin Gibb.

As an 18-year-old he and Madsen then went on a national tour, covering Elvis, Neil Diamond and Roy Orbison numbers. Their Bee Gees tribute band, Orton, Madsen and Paul Jeffries, also performed at the M Resort in Las Vegas.



CHE AS ELVIS

That was almost 20 years ago. He had just become a dad and decided to leave the hospital and try his hand as a solo entertainer full time, performing in clubs such as the Workingmen's.

His calendar soon filled up – but when he was invited to perform at a Drifters Rock and Roll Club event, he said he would perform with a band as audiences had seen a lot of him solo.

“The problem was, I didn't have a band.”

Over the next five months Che created Che Orton Band and after several attempts he settled on the perfect combination for the performance.

Meanwhile, Orton was Elvis. In 2007, Elvis Presley Enterprises announced they were looking for the “best representation of Elvis Presley's music and legacy”.

Twenty-four entertainers travelled to Memphis during Elvis Week that year to compete, and the event has become an annual one.

Che has qualified to sing there three times and last year was named one of the top five performers.

“My goal was to make the top 10 – but just performing at Graceland was a bonus.”

From Graceland to cruise ships to being a dad in Hamilton is a varied set to say the least.

He and Lucy have three teenage children – Eva, Ben and Mila – and when he's home, Che has the school drop off job.

ALL SHOOK UP

When Che was preparing to perform as Elvis one night on a cruise, he started to succumb to an unwanted symptom of rock and roll – sea sickness.

“I was seriously thinking I would not be able to perform,” he recalled.

A suggestion of a quick trip to the ship pharmacy for tablets had a hook. Preparing to be Elvis involves over an hour of applying the wig and sideburns. And the sight of Elvis Presley asking for pills may well have been headline news – or at least resulted in some suspicious minds.

A crew member dashed out and returned with the required seasick tablets which, thankfully for Elvis fans, had the desired effect.



CHE AS...CHE ORTON.

And it's clear it's his favourite place – and he doesn't forget that it was performing at clubs around the country that helped him get to where he is today.

“I love performing at the Workingmen's Club – it's home – and people come down from Auckland and Tauranga to hear me.”

He's also got a slightly different view of schools.

Che has returned to Maeroa Intermediate to speak – and recently presented Nawton primary with a guitar. Maybe a return to Fraser isn't out of the question...



INDOOR BOWLS SUBSECTION

The 2024 was a successful one for our club.

Our teams had a successful run in the Central Area fours and triples, emerging victorious and even technically winning the singles.

However, the winning streak came to a halt during the annual North v Central competition – held this year at Howick Club. Despite all Central teams putting in their best efforts the Northern teams dominated with a clean sweep of all events. I am confident in saying that we all had a great day out and enjoyed the Howick Club facilities.

Men's and Ladies Nationals resulted in no trophies returning to adorn our trophy cabinet. Competition in these tournaments is getting tough, and it also serves as a reminder of the unpredictable nature of our chosen sport and the importance of consistency while striving for success. Our teams will undoubtedly use past experiences as motivation to improve and bounce back for 2025.

This year we hosted the North Island Championships and although none of our teams claimed victory, they all performed admirably, with the best result being a third equal.

The Easter weekend was a success and thanks to all of those who made it possible. Overall, the successful nature of the entire weekend was a testament to teamwork, sportsmanship and dedication and we are grateful to all who contributed to making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for all participants.

HWMC Indoor Bowls

- Club night every Wednesday open to all HWMC members - \$2 entry - names to committee by 6.50pm
- Championships on some nights (winners represent HWMC in Waikato champion of champions. Subsection Members only).
- Tuition for beginners
- There is also the opportunity to participate in Clubs NZ bowls tournaments.

**If you enjoy meeting people in a friendly atmosphere
- then please contact LESLEY MONK 021 126 9915,
KAY LORD 021 211 2613 or Reception 07 847 6476**

I received feedback for other clubs on how well this tournament was run and what a good job we did despite having to overcome some hurdles. I would like to extend a special thanks to Kay, who did an amazing job of organising in the background – Club Management, Angela (Catering HOD), sponsors, meetings, raffles and of course yours truly!

Congratulations to all members for this participation in the club and outside tournaments. The camaraderie shared among members is what makes these events special – sure, winning makes it even more special.

A big thank you to the committee and other club members who have helped with organising tournaments, club nights and raffle weeks.

Subsection numbers are holding steady with around 40 members. A typical club night has 20 to 30 with a core group having dinner at the club beforehand for a catch up of the week – use it as a social occasion - Wednesday only!

- Taken from Lesley Monk's chairperson's report for the year.



CLUBS NEW ZEALAND CENTRAL AREA FOURS WINNERS - RODDY ANDERSON, STEVE FLASZYNSKI, BOB LORD AND KAY LORD.



THE CLUB SINGLES CHAMPION - MARYANNE TANFIELD.



THE CLUBS NEW ZEALAND CENTRAL AREA TRIPLES WINNERS – RODDY ANDERSON, MARK COLLS AND ERIC LARSEN.



THE CLUB PAIRS WINNERS IN 2024 WERE GHEORGHE SIRBU AND KAY LORD



LYNDSAY CRAWFORD, MARYANNE TANFIELD, CAROL BAKER AND MIKE AFENDOULIS WON THE CLUB FOURS.



OWEN BAKER, BOB LORD AND MIKE AFENDOULIS TEAMED UP TO WIN THE CLUB TRIPLES TITLE.



MELBOURNE CUP 2024

The overall result for the Punters Club may have proven too difficult but yet again it was a very successfully-run Melbourne Cup Day at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

With a handy-sized November crowd of racing enthusiasts and the Punters Club pool starting at just over \$2200, former Trackside Television presenter and New Zealand's leading auctioneer Steve Davis as guest selector, alongside club and former radio personality, the legendary Ronny Phillips as MC, the lads started off with a hiss and a roar!

"We managed to back a few winners and struck the odd quinella early in the day," said Davis.

Referring to the punters club faithful, he added "Ronny and I were keen on making plenty for the family".

"We did not do too well in last year's punters club and Ronny and I were keen to rectify the matter!

"We wanted to include the punters, hence the reason we called them family. We got people up to give us their own picks and if we put the odd one into our selections it made them feel more included in the day."

Many club members enjoyed being included and were thrilled with the fun day they had - but as the day progressed the punting results started to fall away.

"Ronny and I had some decent collects and we still managed to spend \$2000 on the Cup race itself," Davis said, "but there was no way we could include the two rough horses that ran first and second in the Cup.

"We put \$1000 to win on Buckaroo and he was narrowly beaten just over three lengths from Knight's Choice.

For the record, Knight's Choice won the cup paying just over \$63 to win and nearly \$18 for the place, while the second horse Warp Speed paid just over \$9 for a place when finishing second, beaten by just a nose.

So for the second year the punters club failed to pay a dividend - but Davis remains keen to come back and get a payout for "the family."

Many members felt this was the best Melbourne Cup day, particularly with how both Davis and Phillips had them all enjoying the atmosphere that they added to the day.

And plenty of club members walked away on the day as winners.



THE FASCINATOR AWARD WENT TO VIOLET GILLETT PICTURED WITH CLUB PRESIDENT HELEN WOOD-ROWE, WHO HANDED OUT THE PRIZES.



THE BEST HAT AWARD WENT TO EUNICE RIKA



BEST DRESSED LADY WAS VALERIE RUSSELL



MICHAEL AUSTIN WAS NAMED BEST DRESSED MAN

Violet Gillett won the best fascinator award on the day and the best dressed man prize went to Michael Austin.

Valerie Russell took out the best dressed lady award and the best hat prize went to Eunice Rika.

Greg Corban

OVER 65'S LUNCH

The club's over 65s function was a full-house event – with entertainment provided by Che Orton, (pictured) who features on pages 24 and 25 of this year's book. The club camera was on hand as Executive Committee member Shereen Whitehead handed out the hampers.



A DOUBLE IN HUNGARY

Two months shy of his 18th birthday Hamilton's Deacon Nichols found himself on a world stage of a sport enjoying a renaissance.

The Hamilton youngster qualified for the boys' world darts masters in October – and it required him to fly for the first time.

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club member played three games in Budapest, Hungary, against German, Polish and Dutch teenagers.

The competition proved tough – he was eliminated in pool play – where the race was to win four games – but did manage to win two against the Pole.

He had the perfect chaperone too – his mum and manager Daphne, who also played in a section of the wider tournament and bowed out early.

"We got to see Professional Darts Corporation players including Beau Greaves, who is mum's favourite woman player, and Neil Duff," Deacon said.

English player Greaves, 21, is among the top women darts players in the world while Northern Irishman Duff - who was almost 50 when he turned professional – is a former world champion.

For Deacon the trip of a lifetime was more about taking aim at the dart board than checking out historic sites.

Budapest, one of the largest cities in Europe, dates back in various forms to before the birth of Christ and today is a major centre for banking and finance.

Deacon did get to the retail part of the city – and spotted familiar McDonalds and Burger King signs.

The teenager comes from darts playing stock – and his mum and aunt Corrine Walters-Lui are both prominent players in the Workingmen's Club, having been encouraged in the sport by their father.

So with a lot of darts history in the family, perhaps it's no surprise that Deacon lists a darts icon from the 1980s as his favourite of all time.

That's the Crafty Cockney Eric Bristow, whose televised battles with the likes of John Lowe, Bobby George and Jocky Wilson became prime time viewing.

Bristow – who was just 60 when he died - was ranked number one in the world five times during an era when the sport went hand in hand with pints of beer.

The sport lost its allure in the 1990s, but it was a player Bristow mentored – Phil Taylor – who played a key role in setting up a rival darts body to the British Darts Organisation and getting it back on screen and filling halls around the world – including Claudelands Globox Arena.



DEACON NICHOLS IN HIS HAPPY PLACE – THE WORKINGMEN'S CLUB, BY THE DART BOARDS.

Deacon recalls being about 11 when he and an uncle took on mum and his aunt in a darts game at home.

"Then mum brought me down to the Workingmen's Club to throw darts – I wasn't very good, but in time I felt a lot more comfortable."

Tournaments followed, and battles against similarly aged players to the point that as a 16-year-old he was playing in junior championships – and qualified for the world event.

Lesson from Budapest?

I've learned about the pressure and the exhilaration – you have got to be in the zone – but also have fun. Relax, and you'll score well".

Being at the club has also enabled Deacon to play pairs with Englishman Michael Smith, who visited the club during the New Zealand Darts Masters in 2024, a year after being ranked world number one. Smith was beaten in the tournament at Claudelands in the quarter finals by Luke Humphries, who went to beat Australia's Damon Heta in the final.

Deacon is practicing his darts every day – and also enjoying providing a voice over for characters in games and series, mainly on YouTube.



MUM AND SON POSE IN FRONT OF THE BOARDS AT THE BUDAPEST VENUE.



NEIL DUFF, A PAST WORLD DARTS FEDERATION CHAMPION, MEETS DEACON.



DEACON WITH SWEDISH PLAYER ANDREAS 'DIRTY' HARRYSSON – WHO WON THE WORLD DARTS FEDERATION EUROPE CUP A MONTH EARLIER.



SCOTT MITCHELL – KNOWN AS SCOTTY DOG – WHO HAS TWICE PLAYED IN WORLD MASTERS SEMIFINALS, WAS ANOTHER TOP PLAYER IN HUNGARY IN OCTOBER.

TAKING THE BUS

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club offers a courtesy coach service to members. The courtesy bus cannot be pre-booked – simply ring when you are ready to be collected. Our service operates within the Hamilton city boundaries, but at the discretion of the executive committee a dispensation can be arranged for members outside the outside city boundaries. To arrange a courtesy coach pick-up, call 07 847 6476. Please be ready when booking, and state your membership number, pick-up address and the number of passengers. The service operates six days a week – Monday excluded – from 3pm. Coaches depart every 30 minutes from the club on Fridays

and Saturdays from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. The costs for a one way trip in the city range from \$6 where the journey is up to five kilometres to \$10 for longer trips.



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HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB INC

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Sunday 29 June 2025, commencing at 3pm
in the Conservatory, Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

Nominations for the Executive Committee are now open
and close 11pm Saturday 21 June 2025.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Reception at the Club.

A photo is required along with a completed Department of Internal Affairs "Key Persons" Information Form.

Both items will need to be submitted with the nomination form.

Please contact the Club Secretary if assistance is required.

HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB INC

Annual General Meeting Sunday 29 June 2025, commencing at 3pm.

BUSINESS

- 1: Apologies
- 2: Adoption of Report and Balance Sheet
- 3: Notice of items in General Business
(ie: Members wishing to raise points in
General Business give directions to the
Chair that they wish to speak.)
- 4: Minutes of the previous AGM
- 5: Matters Arising
- 6: President's Report
- 7: Subscriptions
- 8: Notice of Motion/Remits
- 9: Confirmation of Returning Officers
- 10: Election of Appeal Board
- 11: General Business

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Patron: C SULLIVAN

President: H WOOD-ROWE

Vice President: P PEARCE

Treasurer: R DONALDSON

Executive Committee: B McLUSKIE, S PEARCE

S WHITEHEAD, A STEWART, P HASSALL, B RITCHIE

A TURNER

Life Members: C SULLIVAN, B SIMPSON, G MEYRICK

T RYAN, T MARCHIONI, B JOHNS, B MCLUSKIE,

R DONALDSON, L RUSSELL

MANAGEMENT

Club Manager: NATHAN HARTLEY

Secretary: MARGARET CAMERON

Auditor: KPMG

Solicitors: NORRIS, WARD, MCKINNON

Bank: THE ANZ BANK

NOTICE OF MOTION/REMITTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed by the Executive Committee that the following alterations be made to the Constitution of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club, the original wording is bracketed in black with the proposed change bracketed in red, a full copy of the current constitution is available on our website www.hwmc.co.nz or on request from reception:

CONSTITUTION

Under the Incorporated Societies Act (2008) (2022)

(Note: To cover mixed membership a gender includes each other gender) – Removed

- 3.1. (c) (To provide facilities and support for persons who have served in the New Zealand armed forces, or any allied country, or part of the British Commonwealth or the United Nations.)
- 4.1 (a) (Males and Females) (Individuals) who have attained the age authorised by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and any amendments made subsequent.
- 4.1 (b) (Males and Females) (Individuals) under the age authorised by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and any amendments made subsequent.

- 5.1 The membership application form shall include the forenames, surname, date of birth, residential address and occupation of the candidate and an undertaking that they (consent to membership and agree to) abide by the Constitution and House Rules (See Rule 35) and the (Bylaws page 16), of the Club.
- (5.6 The Club will maintain an up-to-date register of members in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.
- 5.6.1 The Register of Members will at all times be administered in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and the Clubs Privacy Policy.
- 5.6.2 The register will contain:
- (a) the name of each member; and
 - (b) the last known contact details of each member; and
 - (c) the date on which each person became a member; and
 - (d) all other information prescribed by the regulations (if any).
- 5.6.2 The Club will update its register of members as soon as practicable after becoming aware of changes to the information recorded on the register.)
- 10.2 (i) The election shall be by secret ballot on the Club's premises. Voting will be between the hours of 11am and 7pm for three (3) days (commencing on the Saturday) (to be determined by the Executive Committee and to commence no later than seven days) following the AGM.
- (II) Any member elected or appointed after the date of the annual election shall hold office for (one year) only until the next annual election.
- (12.4 The President shall be the contact person with whom the Registrar can contact when needed.)
- 17.5. The normal rules of debate shall be followed, each member speaking once only to motion or amendment except the mover who may reply. The mover of any resolution or substantial amendment shall be allowed five (5) minutes in which to introduce his proposition and ten (10) minutes for reply, or vice versa, any other speaker will be allowed five (5) minutes. The Chairman shall decide whether any amendment proposed is a substantial amendment or not. If free discussions of any subject is desired, any member may move that the meeting go into committee on that subject and such motion shall be immediately put and decided by a show of hands. In committee no member shall speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time. When in committee any member may move that the ordinary meeting shall be resumed, and such motion shall be immediately put and decided by a show of hands. ("In Committee" means that no minutes or record of debate is kept, and that the debate is confidential to those attending the meeting concerned and "Into Committee" has a corresponding meaning'.)
- (17.7 Minutes are required to be kept for all meetings.)
- (18.3 Minutes are required to be kept for all meetings.)
- 22.1(g). The Club shall make returns required by (Section 23 of the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908 or by such other statutory provision for the time being in force and shall comply with all the requirements of such Statute and other Regulations thereunder) (the relevant New Zealand legislation and comply with all the relevant requirements of those Acts).

24.1. (f). The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel from the membership any member of the club for misconduct (either within or outside the Clubs premises) for any wilful infringement of the Clubs rules or any by-laws, house rules made by the Executive Committee but before any member is suspended or expelled (he or she) **(the member)** shall be notified by the Secretary of the date, time and place of the meeting of the committee at which his (or her) suspension or expulsion is to be considered. Such notice shall be deemed to be given if posted by registered post to the member's usual or last known address not less than five (5) clear days before the date of the committee meeting, or if no address be known, by posting in the Club's Notice Board for five (5) days before such meeting and it shall not be necessary to show that the member actually received such notice. The member shall be entitled to appear before such meeting of the Executive Committee and be informed of any complaint or charge against (him (or her)) **(them. (He or she) (The member)** may put forward any explanation of defence (he or she) **(they)** wish to make and the Executive Committee may then decide either to suspend or expel or reinstate the member. If the member fails to attend the meeting the Executive Committee upon proof of notices to (him (or her)) **(the member)** as above provided may proceed in (his (or her)) **(the member's)** absence. No member may be suspended under this rule unless a majority of the members of the Executive Committee meeting vote in favour of suspension, expulsion or reinstatement. Any member of the Executive Committee may call a ballot on the question of suspension or expulsion or reinstatement of a member. The above applies to all suspensions not covered by automatic suspensions as shown in the House Rules and offences in the By-laws. That the Executive Committee shall make sure that any member on charge is made fully aware that (he or she) **(they)** may call witnesses in (his) **(their)** defence, both verbally in the presence of another person, and in writing, at the time of the hearing.

26.5. Visitors under 18 years of age may be admitted to the designated areas of the Club as defined by Executive Committee from time to time, provided they are accompanied by a legal Guardian, in accordance with the (Sale of Liquor act) **(Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and any amendments made subsequent).**

29. (DISPUTES) (COMPLAINTS, DISPUTES AND APPEALS)

29.2 All members of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club Incorporated will be covered by these rules and may be subject to penalties, sanctions or orders imposed by the Disciplinary Committee.

29.3 If the conduct of any member should be reported as objectionable, a member, guest, visitor, staff member or any member of the public making the complaint shall do so in writing to the Manager, as soon as practical and no later than one calendar month after the incident.

30.2. Such Regulations or By-Laws shall not be inconsistent or repugnant to the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act, (1908) **(2022)** and its amendments or of these Rules.

32.3 Resolution in lieu of meeting: A written resolution may be passed via this method in accordance with Sections 83 to 86 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

33.1. The Club may be voluntarily dissolved as provided by (Section 24) **(section 5(3) and subpart 5 of Part 5)** of the Incorporated Societies Act, (1908) **(2022)** and its amendments. Any funds or property remaining after settlement of just debts shall (be disposed) **(transferred to another not-for-profit association)** of in accordance with the decision of the members meeting deciding upon a dissolution. Provided that no member of the Club at the dissolution shall personally be entitled to participate or benefit in any way in the distribution of such funds. Rule 33 "Dissolution of the Club" shall not be altered without approval of the Inland Revenue.

- 35.3. No liquor shall be removed from the Clubs premises (except liquor purchased through the Off Sales counter. Liquor purchased from the Off sales counter must be removed immediately from the Club's premises).

BY LAWS

1. Under rule 30 the committee may make By-Laws (not inconsistent with the Incorporated Societies Act (1908) (2022) and not inconsistent with the (Sale of Liquor Act 1989) (Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012) for the regulation and management of the Club or any part of its business.
2. The following By-Laws have been adopted but do not form part of the Rules and may be added to, changed or deleted without reference to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies (in accordance with Rule 24.1.(c).)

Members are reminded if they have any questions pertaining to the Annual Report it would be appreciated if these could be put in writing and be in the hands of the Club Secretary five days before the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29 June 2025. These will be posted on the main notice board when available.

We have received advice of the deaths of the following members as at 31.03.25. We record these with sincere regret.

B Christieson, M Drake, B Jillings, K Murphy, W Bond, L Boyles, J Davis, K Duggan, R MacDonald, G Pattenden, S Ross, A Smith, T Turner, D Walsh, A Brodrick, I Davey, W Goss, K Rogerson, L Roper, G Tuwhangai, Y Wallace, R Rowland, A Viviani, J Williams, J Bluck, L Colombus, B Elthringham, R Jacobs, B McFall, N Muir, R Saravia, R Smith, J Adams, B Connolly, R Hunt, R Lorigan, I MacKenzie, B Menzies, E Parsons, A Smith, R Van Der Beek, N Skinner, E Williams, M Bax, M Clarke, P McLeod, G Perrin, B Powrie, K Tribe, M Bagnall, C Bradcock, S Jerome, C Peck, C Snaddon, R Cunningham, D Grigsby, R Neish, J Stone, R Tudor, P Ban, S Edwards, I Hill, P Lakin, G Maxwell, G McCarthy, L Moreland, P Van Syp, J Bell, P Fabling, J Gill, L Hewitt, J Peebles, J Philpott.

HWMC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

It's been a year of exciting progress and meaningful change at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club. I'm proud to share some of the highlights and acknowledge the incredible support from our members, staff, and Executive Committee throughout this journey.

One of the most significant milestones was our successful merger with the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club Inc, approved by members at the extraordinary meeting in August 2024. We also welcomed the Hamilton Returned Services Association to our Commerce Street home. These changes have brought new energy to the club, including a welcome boost in membership and a vibrant revival of the 8 Ball subsection.

In April, we were pleased to appoint Nathan Hartley as our new general manager. Nathan brings fresh ideas and a strong commitment to the club's future, and we're excited about the direction we're heading under his leadership.

There's a saying: "Change is inevitable, but transformation is a conscious choice." Over the years, we've proven our ability to adapt and thrive - even in challenging times. Now, through strategic planning, we're taking deliberate steps to secure our place in the hospitality sector for generations to come.

Financially, we've made solid progress. For the year ending March 31, 2025, we recorded a much smaller deficit of \$20,700, a significant improvement on the previous year. This turnaround was supported by the return of functions at the Pavilion and successful leasing of all our tenantable properties, including the Rostrevor Street car park.

However, we continue to face challenges with rising interest rates. After careful consideration, the Executive Committee is recommending the sale of the Rostrevor Street property. The cost to bring the building up to standard is high and selling it would allow us to reduce debt and reinvest in much-needed upgrades to our main Club building—ensuring a better experience for all members.

Looking ahead, we're also preparing for the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. To meet the new requirements, we have drafted an updated constitution which will be presented at the upcoming annual meeting. While the changes are mostly compliance-related, they lay the groundwork for stronger governance and a more resilient future.

Membership continues to grow steadily, reaching 6906 in March—nearly back to our pre-Covid peak. This is a testament to the value our club offers and the strong sense of community we've built together.

Sadly, we also said goodbye to many valued members over the past year. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and friends. Their presence and contributions will not be forgotten.

As we approach the 2025-26 Executive Committee elections, I encourage every member to get involved. Your voice matters. Voting will take place on Saturday July 5, Monday July 7, and Tuesday July 8, and nominations close at 11pm on Saturday June 21. In times of change, your participation is more important than ever.

Finally, I warmly invite you to attend the 2025 annual general meeting on Sunday June 29 at 3pm in the Conservatory. It's a great opportunity to connect, reflect, and look ahead together.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Club. The future is bright - and it's even better with you in it.

Helen Wood-Rowe
President

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS ON SUNDAY 04 AUGUST 2024 AT 11.00AM.

ATTENDANCE:

The President, Helen Wood-Rowe welcomed Life Members, Colin Sullivan (Patron), Terry Ray (President Clubs NZ) and 84 members to the Extraordinary General Meeting.

H Wood-Rowe reminded everyone that they needed to be a financial member of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club to be in attendance.

PRESENT: H Wood-Rowe (President) P Pearce (Vice President) M Cameron (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: R Donaldson, B McLuskie, B Simpson, D Hapimana, C Gupwell, M Hapi, B McFall

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: H Wood-Rowe (4101)

Seconded: M Aspinall (1273) | CARRIED

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. To approve Changes to the HWMC Constitution as advertised on the HWMC Website (www.hwmc.co.nz) and available from HWMC reception, 45 Commerce Street, Frankton, Hamilton.

H Wood-Rowe spoke to this item advising members that after checking the Constitution it could be read as requiring 21 days notice for revision of rules against the 7 days notice for a Extraordinary General Meeting. She is therefore withdrawing this item from consideration at this meeting. It will be tabled again at the next opportunity.

2. **MOTION:** That the Executive Committee of the HWMC are authorized to take all the necessary steps to effect the merger with the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club (HCRSC)

Moved: H Wood-Rowe (4101)

Seconded: T Hogan (8602) CARRIED

3. **MOTION:** That the Executive Committee of the HWMC are authorized to take all the necessary steps to transfer assets from HCRSC to HWMC.

Moved: H Wood-Rowe (4101)

Seconded: A Purnell (1424) CARRIED

H Wood-Rowe asked if anyone had any questions or if there was any discussion about any of these items.

A Purnell (1424) asked if the constitution booklet at reception was the current constitution or the amended one. H Wood-Rowe clarified it is the current constitution booklet and there is a handout accompanying it with the proposed amendments.

A gentleman thanked all the Committees for the work they had put into getting this over the line.

H Wood-Rowe thanked the members for their attendance

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.08am.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE 69TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS ON SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024 AT 1.30PM.

ATTENDANCE:

The President, Helen Wood-Rowe welcomed Life Members, Alison Nation (Accountant), Terry Ray (invited guest) and 115 members to the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

H Wood-Rowe reminded everyone that they needed to be a financial member of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club to be in attendance.

PRESENT: H Wood-Rowe (President) P Pearce (Vice President) R Donaldson (Treasurer) M Cameron (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: S Daji B Ritchie E Young G Davy C Martin D Crean R Hardy S McLean

J Hughes P Evans J White D Marchioni

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: T Kuimdjian (3546)

Seconded: S Barford (0061) | CARRIED

TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS:

A moment of silence was observed as a tribute to members who had passed away during the year. H Wood-Rowe noted that we have been notified of 85 deaths last year and there will be others we are not aware of. Our condolences to all those affected by a members passing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

H Wood-Rowe started her address to the members by stating that she hoped they had all received their yearbook publication, as it is now available both online and in print format, and had read her report.

H Wood-Rowe stated that she was pleased to be able to attend the AGM today in view of the newly completed Pavilion green cover and that it looks fantastic. This work has all been completed during difficult times for both the Club and the country as a whole. She stated that the staff

do an exceptional job maintaining the premises under these circumstances whilst still holding functions during these times of reduced staffing. She asked the members to show their appreciation by way of applause. She stated that the Executive Committee, which had had some new members added at the last election, has been working well together. Work has been progressing on the Constitution with expectation of bringing a new Constitution forward to be reviewed before the next AGM. The strategic plan which is due for review is also being worked on with the hope of operationalizing some of those activities.

She outlined some items that will be discussed in general business. These included the approach from the Combined Returned Services Association proposing that they merge with us. Also the Hamilton RSA have asked to merge with us, all this will be discussed in general business. H Wood-Rowe invited R Donaldson to give the financial report.

R Donaldson spoke about the \$140k cash loss for the year before depreciation. He highlighted the contributing factors of the lack of tenant/rent for the property at 18 King Street but that we have now secured a long term tenant after implementing an incremental contract.

This will obviously continue to impact our bottom line but not to the same extent as we see here. Unfortunately the work on the pavilion, which is now completed, ran over budget but was also out of action for longer than we hoped for, meaning that we missed out on all the income we would normally have made in the months from April 23 to January 24. Income since completion has been good and looks like it will be successful and that will improve our income over this year. He stated that the majority of inwards correspondence seen at the Executive Meetings involves price rises from suppliers. We are trying to manage these alongside keeping prices as low as we can for as long as we can. It is starting to be unrealistic to only increase prices once a year but this will need to be looked at by the incoming Executive Committee. He stated that the loss is not ideal but it should start looking better in the next financial year.

R Donaldson asked if there were any questions about the 2023/24 financial accounts. There were none.

MOTION: That the financial statements for 2023-2024 be accepted as a true and correct record of the Club's financial position.

Moved: R Donaldson (0910)

Seconded: P Liddle (2333) | CARRIED

MOTION: That the President's Report for year ending 31 March 2024 as circulated be accepted and received as a true and correct record of the Club's financial position.

Moved: G Meyrick (0696)

Seconded: D Burgess (0908) | CARRIED

H Wood-Rowe briefly explained to those present the procedure for listing items for General Business at this stage of the meeting and how these matters would be dealt with later during the course of the meeting. She explained that club members could then enter into discussions on the matters raised.

NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. A Sandel (1402) Position of Secretary to the Executive

H Wood-Rowe asked for a brief synopsis on the item. A Sandel stated that basically she is opposed to the fact that the Club President is used as the Secretary because she says that is a bit of a conflict of interest as it puts her in a very vulnerable position.

2. T Kuiumdjian (3546) Status/Establishment of the 60Plus Subsection Committee

3. T Kuiumdjian (3546) Control of Subsection Funds

H Wood-Rowe replied to T Kuiumdjian that these were not Constitutional issues. He replied they are not constitutional issues they are ones to do with following the rules. She replied that she did not feel that the AGM was the place to bring them up that this was more a Committees business. He replied that he disagrees respectfully, he believes the AGM is the perfect, ideal and proper venue to discuss matters relating to Subsections and the way they are, what their responsibilities are, he then said to the general membership he didn't know if anyone there disagreed with him. A couple of members called out that they did. He continued that he thinks it is an appropriate topic for the AGM.

B Simpson (0007) spoke in reply and stated that he has a bit of experience in this area, as most people know, having retired recently as the Club President after 27 years. He replied to T Kuiumdjian by saying that although what he wishes to discuss might mean a lot to you this is not the forum for it and that there are already guidelines for the running, operation and finances of Subsections and they are firmly in place. There are rules for guidance of those Subsections and

this forum, unless you have exhausted all other forums and found the wrong results, is not one where these people are going to make a decision for you one way or the other. B Simpson does not see that the items of business T Kuiumdjian mentioned are worthy of discussion at this AGM.

T Kuiumdjian asked to respond. **H Wood-Rowe** stated that as the meeting was not yet in general business he would just need to wait. **T Kuiumdjian** replied that his opinion is that this is a case of just trying to bury me. **H Wood-Rowe** asked him to please sit down and wait for the General Business discussion.

4. H Wood-Rowe (4101) Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club

5. H Wood-Rowe (4101) Hamilton Returned Services Association

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023

MOTION: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 11 June 2023, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record

Moved: T Marchioni (0759)

Seconded: P Dodanis (0107) | CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

Nil

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

H Wood-Rowe stated that the Executive Committee sees no reason to alter the current membership subscription rates

MOTION: That the annual subscriptions remain the same as the previous year.

Moved: P Liddle (2333)

Seconded: B Tronell (2530) | CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF RETURNING OFFICERS:

H Wood-Rowe stated that it was good to see that we have a full suite of people putting their hands up to be on the Committee. This has meant that for the positions of Committee we have some extra numbers and this means we will go forward to an election which is good as it maintains the competitive and democratic process. This means we will need returning officers.

H Wood-Rowe stated that the Executive Committee have appointed G Meyrick (Primary), R Laird, T Marchioni and T Ryan as returning officers for the upcoming elections. G Meyrick will hold the authority to second others if required.

CONFIRMATION OF APPEAL BOARD:

H Wood-Rowe discussed the current members of the Appeal Board and the passing of Mike O'Toole.

MOTION: That the incoming members of the Appeal Board be: Gary Meyrick, Terry Ryan, Colin Sullivan and Tony Marchioni. Fifth member will be appointed by the incoming Executive Committee.

Moved: T Kuiumdjian (3546)

Seconded: D Burgess (0908) | CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF PATRON:

H Wood-Rowe confirmed that C Sullivan was previously appointed as the Patron of the Club for the rest of his natural life and asked if he would like to speak.

C Sullivan congratulated H Wood-Rowe on her new position and wished everyone well in the upcoming election. He hopes all will take the time to participate. His feeling is that the Club is in very good hands and although we have had some ups and downs it is nothing compared to some other places. He wished members all the best.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A Sandel (1402) stated she would be reading from papers as she gets tongue tied at times. She stated an occasion arose recently when she needed to contact the HWMC Executive Committee Secretary. Nowhere on the Executive Committee website could she find that person. She has since been advised by the Executive that the Club Secretary is also the Executive Committee Secretary, an arrangement that she personally finds most concerning. She is sure that the Club Secretary can do the job quite adequately. What she is most concerned about is that she is being put into a situation where she may find her loyalties being split between a person who employs and pays her wages and ensuring that the Executive is informed of ALL matters including those that management may not want the Executive to know. She then stated may she suggest that the Executive reconsider this situation by reinstating the role of Executive Committee Secretary to an ELECTED officer on the Committee appointed by voting members.

H Wood-Rowe replied to A Sandel that she will have read the Constitution, (A Sandel replied yes), and the Committee appoint a Secretary which we have. The Secretary is the Committee's Secretary, (A Sandel replied correct,) and there is no need for a separate Secretary.

A Sandel replied that she understands that but she still thinks that the Secretary being the Club Secretary is in a very compromised situation should any untoward situation ever occur. That's all, she is just protecting the Secretary.

B Simpson (0007) replied the issue around the Secretary for the Club is covered by the Constitution . The Constitution says that the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint staff including the Manager and the Secretary and that role could both be held by one person. Just for your information, as I am not sure how long you have been a member, the Club has been in existence since 1955 and those have been the boundaries within the Secretary has been placed and we have never, to date, had any conflict of interest or issue around the appointment of a staff member as the Club secretary, who also deals with the minutes of the Club Executive Committee, and unless you wanted to put forward a remit with the appropriate notice at a future AGM to change the Constitution all is in order.

A Sandel stated she wanted to leave it for your thoughts over the next year because yes there will be a remit going in next year, when we get notified in plenty of time to lodge the remit because we didn't get any notification this year.

H Wood-Rowe replied there was sufficient notice given when it was posted up on the boards.

T Kuiumdjian (3546) stated that the 60+ subsection has been repeatedly told by the Club Management, and apparently endorsed by Helen who co-signed a letter saying, that the 60+ Subsection Committee was not formed at their AGM. He stated this is totally and utterly untrue. We have the signed minutes of the meeting which clearly shows the members on that Committee having been nominated, seconded and elected into those roles. This ties in with my second problem, the control of the subsections funds. The Club Manager, in his opinion, appears to be hell bent on getting his hands onto the subsections funds, which is about 20 odd thousand dollars. The Club manager does not want to have any dialogue with the Committee in regards to the expenditure of the funds. Traditionally the 60+ committee as he understands it, has helped fund or virtually solely funded the midwinter Christmas lunches midyear and end of year for which we ran at a loss of over \$6k last year. Given the nature of the loss he was very concerned with how the funds were being expended.

H Wood-Rowe replied that she wished to stop him there as they have had a discussion about this. **T Kuiumdjian** replied that was correct but that he has not had a resolution and this is a good forum for discussion. **H Wood-Rowe** replied that you don't get a resolution immediately, that we said we would look into your accusations, and they were accusations, and investigate it. We explained that we had AGM coming up along with being busy with other things so it might take a little bit of time. This is not the place to bring this up, this is not a Constitutional issue. **T Kuiumdjian** replied I disagree with you Helen, respectfully, if you

cannot discuss the formation of sub committees at your AGM and the misuse of the powers that be, this is the perfect place for it. **H Wood-Rowe** replied that she was going to stop him there as he was making very strong accusations and that he couldn't make accusations like that when they have not yet investigated. **T Kuiumdjian** replied that he has factual documentary documented evidence. The evidence of all of the Committee members who were at the AGM and elected, the minutes of the AGM, all saying that the Committee was formed – and here I have the Club Manager and yourself saying something else.

H Wood-Rowe replied that he was preempting something when we haven't finished investigating it. **T Kuiumdjian** replied he wanted to bring it up here because he wants to make sure it does get investigated and not buried. **H Wood-Rowe** replied that he could leave it at that.

Brett Clayton (5704) asked to speak – he stated he had there an election of officers that were elected with John Brown elected Chairman and himself as Vice Chairman and that there is 5 committee members and he hopes he is not out of order. **H Wood-Rowe** thanked him and said she was sure that would all be taken into consideration during their investigation.

H Wood-Rowe asked if there was anyone else that wished to comment – there was not. She then said to **T Kuiumdjian** that they will carry on with reviewing his complaint and the matters that he brought up last week and will get back to him but this is not the place for discussion.

T Kuiumdjian replied that once again he respectfully disagrees with that.

H Wood-Rowe (4101) spoke with regard to the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club (HCRSC). We have been approached by the HCRSC who have voted at their AGM, subject to us accepting them, to merge with the Hamilton Workingmen's Club. We are currently in the process of doing the required due diligence around this but what we would like to present to this meeting is that with the hope that the merge will be accepted at a Special General Meeting that in the interim those members that have been displaced because that Club has closed its doors, be able to come and utilize our Club in the Short term. We will have a Special General meeting once due diligence is completed and we can discuss the findings. We do believe this is an opportunity for all, the Club will be bringing with it assets and we can provide a place for them to come too. They have a very strong 8 ball section and there are lots of pros. At the moment we are not voting to merge – what we are asking you to do is allow us to accept those members in the interim. A call for any comments was made – none made.

MOTION: That the HCRSC members be allowed to use our full facilities with their current membership of the HCRSC Card and we continue to do due diligence around this potential merger and bring it to a Special General

Meeting

Moved: J Brown (4229)

Seconded: A Sandel (1402) CARRIED

2 AGAINST

P Stocks (1459) – asked if we had any idea how long it would be until the Special Meeting

H Wood-Rowe replied no not an exact date, that it would be no sooner than 3 weeks but that notice would be given. It will be as quickly as can be expedited.

H Wood-Rowe (4101) spoke with regard to the Hamilton Returned Services Association (HRSA). They have had a room in the HCRSA building and have also expressed a preference to come over to be with the Hamilton Workingmen's Club – the HRSA AGM is on the 22nd and they will vote at that AGM – there is no real due diligence to do because they are not bringing any liabilities or assets with them but it will be a place for them to set up an office. In anticipation of that AGM being held we will have a lot of benefit of them coming over to us as they have the contemporary vets who are all still members of the HRSA, they will bring with them their membership and their families which will also boost our numbers.

MOTION: That subject to the Hamilton RSA AGM approving a merge with HWMC, we carry on with the due diligence necessary around a potential merger and bring it to a Special General Meeting.

Moved: S Barford (0061)

Seconded: M Hinton (4843) CARRIED

T Kuiumdjian (3546) asked if they will join up as full members of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club. **H Wood-Rowe** replied that is correct.

H Wood-Rowe asked T Ray (ClubsNZ invited guest) if he would like to speak. T Ray stated he felt it was a good move for both parties, just one concern he has is that if HCRSA members come to Club under their card they are not members of Clubs NZ and will not be able to take part in CNZ sports tournaments and they do have very strong 8 Ball and Darts sections. His suggestion would be that those people that wish to compete join us so that they can play under our Club – temporary membership does not apply with regard to the tournaments so just something for those people to be aware of.

HONORARIUMS:

H Wood-Rowe reminded the members that Honorarium is paid annually in arrears at the discretion of this meeting.

MOTION: That Honorarium remains the same as the previous year with the exception of the President honorarium being split evenly (\$7500.00 each) between B Simpson and H Wood-Rowe.

Moved: G Meyrick (0696)

Seconded: S Campbell (0198) | CARRIED

T Kuiumdjian (3546) asked for clarification on the amounts that were to be paid.

H Wood-Rowe replied Certainly - President: \$15000.00, Treasurer: \$6000.00, Vice President: \$2000.00, and Executive Committee members \$50.00 per meeting to a maximum of \$600.00 each. All amounts stated are nett of w/tax and ACC. She stated it has been those amount for about the last 20 years.

T Kuiumdjian (3546) commented it was time for a pay rise.

H Wood-Rowe (4101) spoke about a member whose has been a member for nearly 50 years and in that time he has made a valuable contribution to the Club and has done a lot of work, often at short notice when they have been needed. They have given us very reasonable rates on the small occasions that they have charged us. It was decided with this in mind that the Executive Committee would like to give Lindsay Russell (0917) Life membership at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club

MOTION: That Lindsay Russell (0917) be awarded Life Membership at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

Moved: H Wood-Rowe (4101)

Seconded: S Pearce (0299) CARRIED

L Russell graciously accepted his life member badge and thanked the members.

H Wood-Rowe stated she had one more accolade and thanked Toni & May Marchioni and Elizabeth & Peter Karl for their continued visits to members in hospitals, rest homes and at home when they are incapacitated and we are made aware of it. They are long serving members who do this as a service to the Club and members through their own goodwill. These visits are always very welcome and members do appreciate them. They have made, over the last year more than 69 visits to the hospital. Patients seen were 59 in number. There were also 58 visits to rest homes. These members receive not only the gift of fruit or flowers but also camaraderie Members showed their appreciation by way of a round of applause.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

MOTION: That the incoming executive committee have renewal of authority to purchase property in the immediate vicinity of the club, providing they obtain the approval of

their legal, accounting and banking advisors.

Moved: B Simpson (0007)

Seconded: G Meyrick (0696) | CARRIED

H Wood-Rowe thanked the members for their attendance and looked forward to mixing with them in the Club.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 2.11pm.

2025 Financial Statements

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Prepared by PKF Hamilton Limited

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Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc) For the year ended 31 March 2025

Nature of Business

Leisure and Recreation

Address

20 King Street
HAMILTON

Date Formed

30 September 1955

Governance

President - Helen Wood-Rowe
Treasurer - Roger Donaldson

Chartered Accountants

PKF Hamilton Limited
1026 Victoria Street
HAMILTON

Bankers

ANZ

Solicitors

Norris Ward McKinnon
HAMILTON

IRD Number

010-635-136

Auditor

KPMG



Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of the financial report of Hamilton Workingmen's Club Incorporated

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025;
- the statements of divisional & combined statement of financial performance, movements in general funds and cash flows for the year then ended;
- notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies; and
- the statement of service performance on pages 6 to 7.

In our opinion, the financial report of Hamilton Workingmen's Club Incorporated (the **Incorporated Society**) on pages 6 to 20 presents fairly in all material respects:

- the Incorporated Society's financial position as at 31 March 2025 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- the service performance for year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with the Incorporated Society service performance criteria.

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards (Not For Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.



Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the statement of service performance in accordance with the New Zealand Auditing Standard 1 (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information* (NZ AS 1 (Revised)). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We are independent of the incorporated society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (Including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Our responsibilities under ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report.

Subject to certain restrictions, partners, and employees of our firm may also deal with the incorporated society on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the incorporated society. Other than that, the firm has no other relationship with, or interest in, the incorporated society.



Other information

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Incorporated Society, are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditors report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover any other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Use of this independent auditor's report

This independent auditor's report is made solely to the readers of the financial report as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the readers those matters we are required to state to them in the independent auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of KPMG, any entities directly or indirectly controlled by KPMG, or any of their respective members or employees, accept or assume any responsibility and deny all liability to anyone other than the members for our audit work, this independent auditor's report, or any of the opinions we have formed.

Responsibilities of the Executive Committee for the financial report

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Incorporated Society, are responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with PBE Standards (Not For Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;
- implementing the necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with PBE Standards (Not For Profit);
- the preparation and fair presentation of service performance information in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with PBE Standards (Not For Profit);
- overall presentation, structure and content of the service performance information in accordance with PBE Standards; and
- assessing the ability of the Incorporated Society to continue as a going concern. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole and the statement of service performance is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an independent auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs NZ and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate and collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the External Reporting Board (XRB) website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-14-1/>

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

For and on behalf of:



KPMG
Hamilton
22 May 2025

Statement of Service Performance

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Hamilton Workingmen's Club was established in 1955, and in the last two decades has experienced significant growth reaching over 7,000 members before COVID and now still has a very positive 6,000+ members and is one of the larger Clubs in New Zealand. The Club provides amenities such as restaurants, bars, gaming lounge, live entertainment and courtesy coaches along with a wide range of activities, in an atmosphere where members can meet and enjoy one another's companionship.

Description of Entity's Outcomes

To provide opportunities for members to meet and participate in a range of social and sporting activities both within the Club and externally.

	2025	2024
Quantification of the Entity's Outputs		
Number of financial members as of 31 March each year	6,759	6,150

Description of Entity's Outcomes

To offer a Christmas Lunch for all members over the age of 65 where they receive a great meal, drinks, entertainment, gift baskets and atmosphere as a way for the Club to thank these members for their support.

	2025	2024
Quantification of the Entity's Outputs		
Attendees at Over 65's Christmas lunch	468	321
Total Quantification of the Entity's Outputs	468	321

This is a subsidised lunch and entertainment available to all members over 65.

Description of Entity's Outcomes

To provide a range of meal options to suit all budgets and appetites in a clean, warm and safe environment.

	2025	2024
Quantification of the Entity's Outputs		
Total Value of restaurant sales - including snack menu, toasted sandwiches, lunch & dinner carvery, bistro and staff meals for the year ended 31 March:	1,204,232	1,152,163
Total Quantification of the Entity's Outputs	1,204,232	1,152,163



Description of Entity's Outcomes

To cater for the musical tastes of our members which are not catered for outside of the Club. This included Country, Classic Rock, Rock 'n' Roll and various Tribute acts at no charge to our members.

	2025	2024
Quantification of the Entity's Outputs		
Live Entertainment	99	97
Total Quantification of the Entity's Outputs	99	97

Description of Entity's Outcomes

Staff Department hours per year

	2025	2024
Quantification of the Entity's Outputs		
Bar	18,742	20,134
Kitchen	20,250	19,664
Admin	6,362	7,048
Van	1,829	2,684
Total Quantification of the Entity's Outputs	47,183	49,530

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club, like all businesses in New Zealand has been affected by the Cost of Living Crisis that is affecting everyday New Zealanders and our members alike. Despite constant increases in pricing of meat, fruit and vegetables, alcohol, electricity, gas, insurances and a raft of other utilities The Club has done its best to mitigate price increases to members.

These figures don't reflect the number of morning teas, birthdays, family dinners, bereavements and community organisations that utilise our spaces daily, weekly and monthly.



Divisional & Combined Statement of Financial Performance

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
Bar Trading Account			
Income	5	1,461,334	1,433,830
Expenses		414,830	436,297
Net Profit/(Loss) from Bar Trading Account		1,046,505	997,534
Club Vehicles			
Income	5	33,134	40,676
Expenses		71,218	102,404
Net Profit/(Loss) from Club Vehicles		(38,085)	(61,729)
Gaming Machine Accounts - Main Club			
Income	5	1,251,745	1,310,813
Expenses		537,449	517,559
Net Profit/(Loss) from Gaming Machine Accounts		714,296	793,254
Snooker Trading Account			
Income	5	907	3,761
Expenses		5,749	4,241
Net Profit/(Loss) from Snooker Trading Account		(4,842)	(480)
8 Ball/Pool Trading Account			
Income	5	869	3,962
Expenses		2,744	2,352
Net Profit/(Loss) from 8 Ball/Pool Trading Account		(1,875)	1,610
Commercial Rental Account			
Income	5	167,800	104,012
Expenses		224,868	184,538
Net Profit/(Loss) from Rental		(57,068)	(80,525)
Room Facility & Equipment Hire			
Income	5	27,185	20,558
Net Profit/(Loss) from Room Facility Hire		27,185	20,558



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	NOTES	2025	2024
Pavilion Bar Trading Account			
Income	5	92,358	27,177
Expenses		108,843	95,888
Net Profit/(Loss) from Pavilion Bar Trading Account		(16,485)	(68,712)
Restaurant			
Income	5	1,204,232	1,152,163
Expenses		1,131,010	1,169,953
Net Profit/(Loss) from Restaurant		73,222	(17,790)
Divisional Income			
Surplus/(Deficit) from Bar Trading Account		1,046,505	997,534
Surplus/(Deficit) from Club Vehicles		(38,085)	(61,729)
Surplus/(Deficit) from Gaming Machine Account - Main Club		714,296	793,254
Surplus/(Deficit) from Snooker Trading Account		(4,842)	(480)
Surplus/(Deficit) from 8 Ball/Pool Trading Account		(1,875)	1,610
Surplus/(Deficit) from Pavilion Bar Trading Account		(16,485)	(68,712)
Surplus/(Deficit) from Room Facility Hire		27,185	20,558
Surplus/(Deficit) from Rental Statement		(57,068)	(80,525)
Surplus/(Deficit) from Restaurant		73,222	(17,790)
Total Divisional Income		1,742,852	1,583,720
Operating Income			
Interest Received	5	4,238	8,741
Covid Wage Subsidy Received	5	-	5,159
Rent Received - Commerce Street Flat	5	30,740	30,740
Rebates	5	-	27,101
Commissions (Chocolate/Toy)	5	1,932	2,112
Sponsorship	5	1,000	1,000
Subscription Income	5	176,446	175,030
Donations Received	5	-	19,804
TAB Commission Percentage Received	5	15,761	17,628
Total Operating Income		230,118	287,315
Net Revenue		1,972,970	1,871,035



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	NOTES	2025	2024
Less Expenses			
Accident Compensation		11,888	10,109
Professional Fees		50,167	29,085
Advertising		4,314	4,080
Audit Fees		29,616	27,680
Bank Fees		7,728	8,433
Bar Sundries		22,560	22,450
Cleaning & Laundry		152,997	163,805
Computer Expenses		25,398	21,147
Darts tournament (net)		-	600
Equipment Hire		7,207	6,895
Honoraria		38,805	38,805
Hospitality		17,663	20,821
Hospitality - Happy Hour		34,980	32,183
Insurance		61,910	58,136
Interest - Bank		147,375	124,206
Interest - IRD		3,194	1,637
Light & Heating		118,109	135,269
Legal Fees		-	6,432
Membership Draws		18,511	16,862
Permits, Licences and Fees		45,088	46,181
Postage		3,259	269
Printing and Stationery		32,677	33,494
Rates		76,365	62,920
Recruitment expenses		13,410	6,685
Respite Care/Members Welfare		1,803	1,825
Repairs and Maintenance		53,531	37,841
Security		27,793	26,360
Social Activities		154,093	174,309
Sponsorship/Donations		1,500	-
Telephone and tolls		8,259	8,139
Travel, Accommodation and Conferences		5,923	9,469
Uniform - Staff and Executive		5,134	8,932
Valuations		4,000	-
Vehicle Lease and Expenses		2,979	4,236
Wages		792,130	849,981
Year Book Expenses		13,303	12,103
Total Less Expenses		1,993,670	2,011,377
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations Before Non-Cash and Non-Recurring Items		(20,700)	(140,342)



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	NOTES	2025	2024
Non-Cash Items			
Depreciation		424,493	355,295
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets		1,482	13,585
Depreciation Recovery		-	(1,500)
Total Non-Cash Items		425,975	367,380
Net Surplus/(Deficit) Before Non-Recurring Items		(446,675)	(507,722)
Non-Recurring Items			
Hamilton Senior Citizens Association Inc - Gift Received	2	-	(2,000)
Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club Inc Merger (net)	2	3,894,060	-
Total Non-Recurring Items		3,894,060	(2,000)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		3,447,386	(509,722)



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Statement of Movements in General Funds

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Movements in General Funds		
Opening Balance	6,949,606	7,459,329
Recognised Income and Expenditure		
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	3,447,386	(509,722)
Total Recognised Income and Expenditure	3,447,386	(509,722)
Closing Balance	10,396,992	6,949,606



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Statement of Financial Position

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)

As at 31 March 2025

	NOTES	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Bank Balances	6	272,207	220,448
Accounts Receivable	8	18,246	17,827
Prepayments		19,030	8,409
Stock on Hand	7	56,439	59,736
Asset Held For Sale	2	4,144,000	-
Total Current Assets		4,509,922	306,419
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	13	8,034,596	8,341,728
Investment Property	12	2,442,136	2,474,802
Total Non Current Assets		10,476,732	10,816,530
Total Assets		14,986,655	11,122,950
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
ANZ Flexi Facilities		48,636	1,676,496
Payables & Accruals	10	508,760	522,753
GST Payable		55,731	61,291
Loans & Borrowings	9	275,738	231,633
Total Current Liabilities		888,865	2,492,173
Non Current Liabilities			
Loans & Borrowings	9	3,700,798	1,681,170
Total Liabilities		4,589,663	4,173,343
Net Assets		10,396,992	6,949,606
General Funds			
Accumulated Funds - General		10,396,955	6,923,140
Accumulated Funds - Gaming		37	26,466
Total General Funds		10,396,992	6,949,606



Date _____

President



Date 22.05.25.

Treasurer



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Statement of Cash Flows

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
1. Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash was provided From:		
Bar Takings	1,553,692	1,461,007
Gaming Machines - Main club	1,251,745	1,310,813
Restaurant	1,204,232	1,152,163
Government Grant - Covid-19 Wage Subsidy	-	5,159
Other Sources	281,916	254,760
Subscriptions	176,228	135,029
Interest Received	4,238	8,741
Donation	-	19,804
Gift Received	-	-
Total Cash was provided From:	4,472,051	4,347,476
Cash was disbursed to:		
Payment to Other Suppliers & Employees	(4,204,104)	(4,243,946)
Interest Paid	(315,945)	(256,301)
Total Cash was disbursed to:	(4,520,049)	(4,500,247)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(47,998)	(152,771)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Cash was Provided From:		
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	3,000
Total Cash was Provided From:	-	3,000
Cash was disbursed to:		
HCRSC Merger Expenses	(274,512)	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(61,604)	(1,953,816)
Total Cash was disbursed to:	(336,116)	(1,953,816)
Net Cash flows from Investing Activities	(336,116)	(1,950,816)
Cash flow from Financing Activities		
Cash was provided from:		
Term Loans	632,464	2,170,294
Total Cash was provided from:	632,464	2,170,294
Cash was disbursed to:		
Term Loans	(196,591)	(190,828)
Total Cash was disbursed to:	(196,591)	(190,828)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	435,873	1,979,466
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held	51,759	(124,121)
Cash at the Beginning of the Year	220,448	344,569
Cash at the End of the Year	272,207	220,448



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Notes to the Financial Statements

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc) (the 'Club') is a club incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Club provides recreational facilities as a fellowship and social club for the use and welfare of its members.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PBE Standards RDR") and Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PBE IPSAS") that have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-for-Profit entities.

Hamilton Workingmen's Club (Inc) is a not for profit public benefit entity and is eligible to apply Tier 2 PBE standards on the basis that it does not have public accountability and is not defined as large.

Basis of Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Functional & Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in NZD.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the Divisional & Combined Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position have been applied:

Revenue

Revenue is recognised as follows:

Donations and grants

Donation and grant income is recognised depending on whether or not there is a "use or return" condition attached. Where no use or return conditions are attached, the revenue is recorded as income when the cash is received. Where income includes a use or return condition, it is initially recorded as a liability on receipt, and subsequently recognised within the Statement of Financial Performance as the conditions are met.

Revenue from providing goods and services

Revenue is recognised on an accrual basis as underlying goods and services are provided.

Interest Income

Interest is recognised on an accrual basis.

Stock on Hand

Inventories are recognised at lower of cost and net realisable value, determined on a first-in first-out basis. There is no damaged or obsolete stock.

Trade Receivables

Trade Receivables are recognised at estimated realisable value.

Income Tax

No liability from income tax arises on the basis that the Club is a non-profit entity that trades within the circle of its membership.



Goods and Services Taxation

Revenues and expenses have been recognised in the financial statements exclusive of GST. All items in the Statement of Financial Position are stated net of GST except for receivables and payables which are stated inclusive of GST.

Investment Property

Investment properties are valued initially at cost then depreciated over their useful lives using the same rates as land and buildings.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those from previous financial statements.

Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, Plant & Equipment are recognised at Cost less aggregate depreciation. Depreciation has been calculated using the rates to spread the assets cost over its estimated useful life. Gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets are taken into account in determining the operating result for the year.

Land	0% DV
Buildings	2% SL
Leasehold Improvements	20% DV
Plant and Equipment	10-50% DV & 0-50% SL
Furniture and Fittings	10-25% DV & 10-20% SL
Land Improvement	1%-3% SL

2. Non-Recurring Items

On 4 September, 2024 the Hamilton Combined Returned Services Club Inc (HCRSCI) merged with the Club. As a result, the assets including the property at Rostrevor Street were transferred to HWMC with a fair value of \$4,144,000. The Rostrevor Street property is currently listed for sale.

As part of the merger HWMC agreed to pay the liabilities of HCRSCI at merger date and subsequent expenses relating to the merger. The net transaction value as at 31 March, 2025 is \$3,894,060.

For the year ended 31 March, 2023 a gift of \$45,000 was received from the Hamilton Senior Citizens Association Inc on the windup of their organisation. In the 2024 HWMC paid for the preparation of the final windup accounts.

	2025	2024
3. Employee Benefit Expenses		
Wages & Salaries	1,417,129	1,500,245
Total Employee Benefit Expenses	1,417,129	1,500,245

4. Financial Instruments

Financial instruments which potentially subject the entity to credit risk consist of bank balances.

The carrying value of financial instruments as stated at 31 March 2025 is a reasonable estimate of fair value.



	2025	2024
5. Revenue		
8 Ball/Pool	869	3,962
Bar Sales - Main Club	1,461,334	1,433,830
Bar Sales - Pavilion	92,358	27,177
Catering	1,204,232	1,152,163
Commissions (Chocolate/Toy)	1,932	2,112
Covid Wage Subsidy Received	-	5,159
Donation	-	19,804
Equipment Hire - Pavilion	4,960	-
Gaming Income - Main Club	1,251,745	1,310,813
Gift Received	-	(2,000)
Interest Received - General	2,990	6,612
Interest Received - Gaming	1,002	1,764
Interest Received - TAB account	246	365
Rent Received - Commercial	167,800	104,012
Rent Received - Commerce Street Flat	30,740	30,740
Rebates	-	27,101
Room Hire - Conference	1,043	-
Room Hire - Conservatory	10,478	17,166
Room Hire - Pavilion	10,703	3,391
Snooker	907	3,761
Sponsorship	1,000	1,000
Subscriptions	176,446	175,030
TAB Commission Percentage Received	15,761	17,628
Vehicle Receipts	33,134	40,676
Total Revenue	4,469,682	4,382,267
	2025	2024

6. Cash & Bank Balances

Cash Balance		
Cash on Hand	51,200	51,400
ANZ Current Account	221,007	169,048
Total Cash & Bank Balances	272,207	220,448
	2025	2024

7. Stock on Hand

Stock on Hand		
Liquor - Main Bar	32,848	30,090
Liquor - Pavilion	3,662	4,132
Restaurant	19,929	25,514
Total Stock on Hand	56,439	59,736



	2025	2024
8. Current Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	18,246	17,827
Total Current Receivables	18,246	17,827
	2025	2024

9. Loans & Borrowings**Liabilities**

Current Liability	275,738	231,633
Non-Current Liability	3,700,798	1,681,170
Total Loans & Borrowings	3,976,536	1,912,803

IRD Small Business Loan**ANZ Loans - 1022, 1023, 1032, 1033, 1034 and 1035**

ANZ loans are secured by:

1. General security agreement over Hamilton Workingmen's Club
2. Mortgage over 18 King Street
3. Mortgage over 20 King Street
4. Mortgage over 26 King Street

	2025	2024
10. Payables & Accruals		
Accounts Payable	220,215	192,121
Other Payables & Accruals		
Subscriptions in Advance	7,324	7,544
Sub Section Funds	111,852	111,852
Holiday Pay & Wage Accruals	158,209	202,051
Key Deposits Snooker	2,350	2,150
Income in Advance	8,810	7,036
Total Other Payables & Accruals	288,545	330,632
Total Payables & Accruals	508,760	522,753
	2025	2024

11. Operating Lease Commitments**Lease commitments under non cancellable operating leases**

Due within one year	15,588	15,588
Due beyond one year but not beyond five years	2,593	18,181
Total Operating Lease Commitments	18,181	33,769



2025

2024

12. Investment Property

Cost	2,903,242	2,502,441
Additions	-	400,801
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	(32,666)	(26,654)
Accumulated Depreciation	(428,439)	(401,784)
Total Investment Property	2,442,136	2,474,804

Investment property comprises a number of commercial properties that are leased to third parties. Each lease contains an initial non-cancellable period.

13. Property, Plant & Equipment

	Land & Building	Furniture & Fittings	Plant & Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
Cost					
Balance as at 1 April 2024	9,256,520	1,289,086	2,641,623	-	13,187,229
Additions	-	11,500	74,677	-	86,177
Disposals	-	(2,425)	(51,827)	-	(54,252)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	9,256,520	1,298,161	2,664,473	-	13,219,155
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance as at 1 April 2024	2,042,891	924,742	1,877,867	-	4,845,501
Depreciation	195,591	39,414	156,822	-	391,827
Disposals	-	(1,987)	(50,783)	-	(52,770)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	2,238,482	962,169	1,983,907	-	5,184,558
Net Book Value					
Balance as at 1 April 2023	5,607,610	379,384	771,868	373,577	7,132,439
Balance as at 31 March 2024	7,213,629	364,344	763,756	-	8,341,728
Balance as at 31 March 2025	7,018,038	335,992	680,566	-	8,034,596

14. Capital Commitments

The Club has no capital commitments as at 31 March 2025 (2024 nil).



15. Contingent Liabilities

The Club has no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025 (2024 nil).

16. Related Party Transactions

Brian Simpson (President of the Club until 30 September, 2023), is a director and shareholder of EVP Recruitment Waikato Limited. He provided recruitment services to the Club while President. 2025 nil (2024: \$6,572).

	2025	2024
Key Management Personnel Remuneration		
Key Management Personnel Remuneration	815,863	805,036
Number of Key Management Personnel	22	22

The key management personnel, as defined by PBE IPSAS 20 Related Party Disclosure, are the members of governing body which is comprised of the executive committee and the leadership team.

	2025	2024
17. HWMC Subsections		
The following balances represent funds held in Hamilton Workingmen's Club subsections accounts as at 31 March 2025. These balances are not included in the club's financial statements as they are controlled by the individual subsections.	-	-
HWMC Raffles	31,428	35,102
Fishing	3,920	14,287
Senior Lunches	18,095	19,450
Outdoor Bowls Nationals	8,127	8,127
Indoor Bowls	27,336	25,424
Snooker	21,027	17,899
Golf	15,655	10,601
8 Ball	1,733	-
Darts	1,080	3,377
Cards	11,446	14,801
Staff Social	16,006	16,625
Seniors Bowls	3,376	-
FJBC	33,705	13,054
Poker	39,568	22,765
Executive	-	7,602
Total HWMC Subsections	232,502	209,114



Gaming - Authorised Purpose Reconciliation

	2025	2024
Gaming Operations		
Income		
Income Gaming GMP	1,251,745	1,310,813
Total Income	1,251,745	1,310,813
Expenses		
Accounting Fees	2,925	2,952
Audit Fees	4,223	3,950
Computer Expenses	500	-
Electricity	19,044	19,610
EMS Maintenance Fees	11,347	11,471
Gaming Machine Duty	287,901	301,487
HCRSC Gaming Expenses post merger	954	-
Insurance	2,912	2,592
Interest on Loans	-	204
Legal Fees	2,573	996
Licences & Fees	16,109	10,933
Problem Gambling Levy	15,547	16,280
Salaries & Wages - Direct	124,536	124,536
Service and repair	19,155	20,743
Training Costs	1,500	-
Venue Licence Amendment	338	676
Venue Licence Renewal A	226	-
Operators Licence - Renewal A	1,130	1,130
Venue annual fee	26,529	-
Total Expenses	537,449	517,559
Net Profit before Interest & Non Cash Items	714,296	793,254
Interest Received		
Interest Received - Gaming	1,002	1,764
Total Interest Received	1,002	1,764
Non-Cash Items		
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	2,375
Depreciation	77,057	80,314
Depreciation Recovery	-	(1,500)
Total Non-Cash Items	77,057	81,189
Net Proceeds from Gaming Operations	638,241	713,829

Distribution to Authorised Purposes

Distribution to Authorised Purposes

Administration Wages	116,393	115,245
Audit Fees	29,616	27,680
Capitation Fees	26,554	24,990
Club Manager Wages	-	-
Computer Expenses	23,456	21,147
Electricity	39,370	45,090
Greenkeeper Wages	20,799	23,272
Honoraria	38,805	38,805
Insurance	37,146	34,882
Laundry & Cleaning	114,747	122,615
Licences, Fees & Subs	9,332	6,610
Professional Fees	-	26,371
Printing & Stationery	32,677	33,494
Rates	38,183	31,460
Repairs & Maintenance - Main	16,937	17,416
Security	27,793	26,360
Social Activities	84,601	111,025
Telephone & Tolls	8,259	8,138
Total Distribution to Authorised Purposes	664,668	714,600
Total Distribution to Authorised Purposes	664,668	714,600

Authorised Purpose Reconciliation

Net Proceeds from Gaming Operations	638,241	713,829
Distribution to to Authorised Purposes	664,668	714,600
Income Less Expenses Less Distribution to Authorised Purposes	(26,429)	(771)
Undistributed funds carried forward into this year	26,466	27,237
Undistributed funds carried forward to new year	37	26,466
Percentage of Total Proceeds distributed	53	54
Percentage Undistributed funds available to carry forward to next year	-	2

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