

From the Boardroom

October 2023 Meeting

Our recent meeting was 26 October 2023. Committee Resolutions were all voted in unanimously.

Membership

We welcomed another 30 new members last month with a number of them associated to one of our sporting adjunct clubs who all continue to do an excellent job for the club.

We are down on renewals at the end of October so **please check your membership card to ensure that you are current** and if not please renew. The **annual subscription remains \$40**. For those of you wanting to pay via Internet banking please include your name and member number. You can also pay at the Office or the Bar.

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New Sub Committee Social & Events

The Fantail Room is shortly to be returned to us as part of our Club with Higgins, who have been great to deal with, departing to their restored premises in Awatoto. We hope we can continue to see their smiley faces in the Club in the future. We will retain their Corporate Membership until 30 September 2024.

With that in mind we need to look at utilising the Fantail Room more as a function centre and have appointed a sub Committee to explore opportunities for 2024 and beyond. **Dean Candy will chair the sub-committee of Barry McCormack, Eddy Slagter and Christian Scheule**, with the ability to co-opt departmental managers. The Sub Committee will report to the Committee and will be subject to the Committee's protocols. Watch this space.

Functions

We have a very busy period from now and until Christmas so members might experience some inconvenience all for the common good so please be tolerant and remember the staff don't make these decisions so please do not pester them with your intolerance.

Melbourne Cup, Robbie Williams concert and the Open Pairs 8 ball tournament are all happening before 20 November 2023. There will be lots of non-members in the Club so **please make them welcome and make their visit an enjoyable experience** so they tell others what a great club we are.

Functions are a major focus for us and will be increasingly so in 2024. Currently available to members are

Craft Beer tasting night Thursday 2 November 2023 \$10 pp

Melbourne Cup day Tuesday 7 November 2023 \$25 pp a minimum of 4 to a table

Food and Wine evening in October was outstanding and I am assuming another will be done in December. These are relatively cheap with free matching wine included in the price. Our team does a great job with excellent food and service.

Projects

Outdoor Bowls Ablution Block

Permission in principle has been given by the Mother club for this project to proceed and fundraising is well underway. Professional drawings for a submission to the Napier City Council have commenced. **So far progress is good** but there are still many steps to achieve before Outdoor Bowls Adjunct seeks the Mother Club's approval to formally proceed - but surely it is all just red tape.

Car Park

To the number of people who still disobey the **No Entry** sign - Please obey the traffic flow instructions they are designed for the safety of us all and ease of parking.

Cabling to Outdoor Bowls

The moon and stars did align and our thanks to the working bee headed by Dean, Bernie and Phil. This will be a substantial improvement to the power to that area and lower the H & S Risk

Front entrance

We are finally getting closer to getting the job done and making our front entrance presentable.

Quotes being obtained for

- Replacement chairs in Sports & Lounge bar have arrived. We will get more as required.
- CCTV replacement was agreed to at our Committee meeting at a cost of around \$6k. The existing system proved inadequate and was not worth repairing.
- Gaming room servicing for peak times.

Constitution

We have yet to rewrite the offending rules of the constitution but hopefully you will hear from us soon. We are also working on an update for a future AGM.

Darts

Darts have returned to the Club as a trial and are on Thursday evenings. If you are interested turn up and make yourself known or ask our Duty Manager and we will provide you with a contact.

Loan repayment

We have for sometime highlighted our high term debt cost in a rising interest rate market. All right if you are the lender, but not right for the borrower. With the continuation of Higgins and the member's support this year we have **eliminated the flexi loan debt of \$10k** and have decided to **repay a chunk of term debt, namely \$40k**. This is great **BUT** we need to do more as our interest cost despite this will rise by \$20k (instead of \$24k). We are off our principal repayment loan holiday, which we have had for two years and that now means we will reduce our debt progressively.

Staff

The staff are excited about the next two months which will be extremely busy and they at times will work long hours to ensure that members and their guests enjoy themselves. Yes they are there to serve you and your guests so please help them where you can to allow things to run smoothly and appreciate their service, a thank you with a smile goes a long way.

Gerald McCarthy
Committee Chair
1 November 2023