



# MARCH NEWSLETTER

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# Chairman's Report

## Operations

Our trading continues to be severely adversely impacted under the TLS Red Setting and as the Omicron Covid strain makes its presence felt in our Community.

We have managed to battle through to date without having to close the door to our members and guests, despite having had four staff members absent for 7 – 10 day periods due to having Covid or being a household contact of another person affected. The absenteeism put pressure on the rest of our team but in true Taradale Club Staff fashion, our team have got us through so far.

We sincerely thank those who had to work additional hours to fill the gaps. Ironically the slower trade also helped us get through.

We have made great progress in recent weeks in establishing our Annual Balance timetable for year end 31 March 2022 and preparing our 2022/23 Budget and Cash Flow forecasts.

I take this opportunity to thank Kim, Keith Orange and Gerald McCarthy for their sterling efforts in these respects. For Kim it was always going to present a challenge as her first time in being involved in these tasks with us and in such a difficult environment, with many unknowns. She has responded to the challenge and with Keith and Gerald's support has finalised these key financial documents.

We will be meeting with our Bankers, TSB in the near future to discuss the financial outlook where we will be looking for their support to cover our recent and expected future trading deficits, the major roof repairs which were approved at our 2021 AGM and a couple of other major plant replacement/repairs and maintenance issues.

## Financial

We have managed to return bottom line net profit results over the past couple of months and our year to date position to end February looks satisfactory. As mentioned earlier however we have not been trading profitably and our position would have been significantly different had we not received the rental income from the DHB and Government subsidies.

As mentioned in our February newsletter, costs of goods continue to increase across all food and beverage items, with many items increasing order upon order. We are sure all members will understand what we are saying here from their personal shopping experiences.

We are unable to further absorb these costs of goods increases, minimum wage increase from 1 April, increased excise duties from 1 April, increased costs such as rates, licensing, insurance premiums and will be increasing prices across the board in coming weeks.

We regret to have to be the bearer of such news however we trust all members will understand and empathise with us. We simply cannot sit around, waiting for more normal trading to resume when we will see an increase in numbers coming into the Club and us being in a position to effectively market the Club as an unrestricted Function and Events venue again.

### **ANZAC Day**

Our Greendale Services team are in the process of organising our now, annual Anzac Day Service at the Club. Our remembrance service will be held at the Club at 0800 hours on Anzac Day, 25 April. The Service will be preceded by a breakfast available from about 0700 hours and the Club will be open for refreshments immediately following the Service.

We urge all Club members to attend, even if you have earlier attended a Dawn Service elsewhere. This is an opportunity to support the efforts of our GSA team and at the same time support your Club.

### **Volunteer Help**

There are a number of ways members can support us by volunteering their services. We are very fortunate to have Boof Madden continuing to help with cleaning duties. Boof is in nearly every day of the week and we most sincerely thank him for his great contribution.

If you feel you can help in any way please contact Kim to discuss your availability. If we continue to work together we can get through these testing times and look forward to a better future for all.

Kind Regards  
Lloyd



# General Manager

I would like to thank the team for their stellar support over the past few weeks as we continue to work through these turbulent times.

I would also like to express a “big “thank you for those who supported and attended the “wine & food night” as it was a very successful fun evening, whereby we are already planning our next event. We will have dates out later in April for the early bird bookings.

You will be aware that with the tightening of the global supply chain, the increase in fuel costs as well as the effects of inflation within New Zealand, we have no option but to increase our prices to help offset these increases.

For those who are needing a car WOF, VTNZ have set up a 10% discount for Club Members, just present your Club Membership card and you can then redeem your discount.

We have made the decision to no longer have printed and stapled copies of the newsletter available in the Club. The newsletter will be sent via mailchimp to those members we hold email addresses for. It will also be available on the Club website and posted to our Club Facebook page, with cost savings the reason for the change.

I am very pleased to announce the Club will now be open on a Tuesday from 2pm starting this week, 29 March.

We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding.

Nga Mihi / Warm Regards,  
Kim





# Racing

The Racing Adjunct held a “Punters’ Party” at the club in the afternoon of the 5th March with 45 people attending.

Upon arrival everybody received a \$10 betting voucher, a lucky race ticket and a free drink voucher (what a bargain). It was a fun afternoon accompanied by nibbles and added entertainment including raffles, sweepstakes and a “lucky dip” bag which had a mixture of good, funny and useful prizes.

The day went gangbusters and everyone that attended seemed to have a great time.

*Pictured are: Colleen McNeill (Mother Mac), Robert Pedersen and some happy punters enjoying a few afternoon refreshments.*



Our **next event** will be at Hastings Racecourse on the 2nd July 2022. Hopefully by then the public will be able to attend the races without any of the current restrictions due to Covid.



Anyone interested in joining the Racing Adjunct (fee \$10 annually) can contact Jean, 027 675 0279 or email [jeaniemay257@gmail.com](mailto:jeaniemay257@gmail.com)



# 9-Hole Golf

Some intrepid members of the 9 Hole Golf Adjunct got up early on 26 February and travelled to Ongaonga for the day. **Winner of the Women's trophy was Julie Inwood and Mike Miller won the Men's.** A good day was enjoyed by all, topped off with a drink at the Tikokino Pub.

Our next club day is Saturday 26 March, when we compete against the 18 Hole Adjunct for the Norm Beaton Memorial Trophy at the Awatoto Public Course. **If anyone would like to join us please be there before 9:30am.**





# Services Association

## Remembrance and Our Youth

An important focus of our Association is Remembrance. Some have at times suggested that we are 'living in the past' in placing such importance on remembering those that have gone before us. In the next few months you will again see again this focus when we conduct the Taradale District Schools' 'Spirit of ANZAC' Speech competition, then the Schools' 'Spirit of ANZAC' Commemoration, and then our ANZAC Day Commemoration itself at the Club.

We deliberately put a focus on the local schools as it is important that we 'pass the baton' of remembrance on to the next generations. But more than that, the values that are the corner stones of the 'Spirit of ANZAC' are also important in building strong and caring communities. Our young people understanding these will help keep our community strong.

Why is remembrance so important to us as a community? During WW2 many aircrew of RAF Bomber Command and the USAF 8th Air Force were part of the night and day bombing of Germany that was a critical element of defeating the Axis powers. Far too many of these young men were killed going to, or returning from, these raids. Their aircraft shot down or crashing in the Netherlands, Belgium, France etc.

The citizens of these countries were very thankful for the sacrifices of these young men. They honoured them at their burials, and their graves are still maintained to an impeccable standard today, continuing to honour these fallen heroes.

An extract from the website 'World War 2 Allied Crashes in the Netherlands' translated from a text by a writer named Bram Vermeulen poignantly highlights the importance of remembering these young men. It says:

**'These young men who lost their lives, do not cry for them, they are not really gone you know; it's just a body which they left behind. They will only be gone forever when we no longer remember them.'**

Those that sacrificed their all so that we can live in peace and freedom must always live in our hearts, our memories, and our words, and must never be forgotten. So please if you have the opportunity join us on one, or all, of our ANZAC remembrance activities particularly those involving our young people.

These are:

1. The Taradale District Schools' 'Spirit of ANZAC' Speech Competition the finals of which will be held in the **Weka Room of the Club 9am - 12 noon on Friday 1 April 2022.**
2. The Taradale District Schools' 'Spirit of ANZAC' Commemoration to be conducted at the **Taradale Memorial Clock Tower at 11am on Tuesday 12 April 2022.**
3. The Taradale Club ANZAC Day Service to be conducted at the **flag station in front of our Club at 8am on 25 April 2022.**

***Lest We Forget***

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**Next Quiz Night - Wednesday 30 March!**