

Presidents Report July 2020

Hi Members

If you've had a chance to look at our financials you will see we've had another solid year with a good profit. Wednesday and Friday nights are still popular members nights with raffles, the joker, members draw, dollar in the bucket and a chance to catch up with family and friends. It's always great to see new and regular faces here and it's always fun to give away money and prizes.

I would like to thank our executive committee for all their support and all the work they have done this year. Everyone has been busy doing maintenance work, fixing things, painting, cleaning up, attending meetings, looking at costs, selling raffles and working on bringing in external income all to keep our doors open. We had a bit of a spend up last year and purchased 2 new pokie machines. These are proving to be popular and are providing a return on the investment. The world of regulations and legislation seems to be more and more complex and we seem to spend increasing amounts of time on paperwork to ensure DIA and District Licensing Committee compliance, and to meet more stringent company and bank requirements. As volunteers this can sometimes feel like a full time job, on top of our actual full time jobs, but it is rewarding to see the changes in the Club finances and in the atmosphere in the Clubrooms. So keep on coming in and enjoying your Club.

The loyalty system has been a great way to pay back members, unfortunately the admin costs are getting up there so from the AGM we will stop the 'swipe your card' loyalty system but we will drop the prices accordingly. So, use your points up before the AGM.

The Covid-19 lockdown was pretty unexpected. New Zealand and our community has come through it amazingly well, however the Club saw a big economic hit as it was closed for a couple of months. We saw the cancellation of 3 of our biggest events, the Anzac Day commemorations, a 3 day fishing competition and Easter. The financial position we were in enabled the Club to survive the shutdown, something that we wouldn't have done 2 years ago. However, this will impact on the coming years bottom line with us already making a loss in the first 2 months of this financial year.

There are still challenges to overcome. You will see from the remits submitted that some members of our Club would like you to now take out a loan and install a new bowling surface, alongside the grass green, at the cost of over \$300,000 and then to give them over \$1 million in assets in the form of the whole Bowling Club property. This is not a profitable facility for the Club but it is an important asset that can be used to support the future of the Club. This is more important now than ever with declining income and the ongoing pandemic threat.

There is supporting documentation and information to consider on the website, at the club and on the noticeboard. Not least to consider are the costs to re-mortgage the Club and the loss of an asset that we, as members, have been paying for and maintaining for 20 years.

It is extremely important for you to come along to the AGM on Sunday 26 July at midday to ensure your vote counts and for you to have your say on the future of the Raglan Club Inc and to celebrate the results of the last year. The bar will be open and we'll have complimentary food.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, the Executive, staff, volunteers and members this year for making the Club a pleasant place to be. Hopefully we can continue on this same track over the next few years.

Regards

Debbie Dalbeth

Raglan Club President