

# *Presidents Report July 2023*

Hi Members

First off I'd like to thank all those who contribute to the great atmosphere at the Raglan Club and to making it a profitable business, that includes members, sponsors, staff, volunteers and the Executive.

Some of you who have been around awhile may remember when my Executive Team took over running the Club early in 2018. The Club was in turmoil, it was 3 months behind in paying its bills and was 4 days away from liquidation. Our team of business people and professionals stepped up and worked together as a cohesive unit for the betterment of the Club. Everyone of us have put in the mahi and taken the Club from strength to strength.

This year Pablo Rickard and Craig Bridgman, foundation members of our team, are stepping down from the committee. They have been invaluable to the governance of the Club over the last 6 years and we wouldn't be where we are today without them. On a personal note, I certainly could not have done this without their advice and support.

Their accomplishments and contributions are too numerous to mention so this executive is recommending we promote Pablo and Craig as life members of the Raglan Club. There will be a vote at the AGM so I hope you will join us in confirming their life membership.

After the last few years of disruption to trading due to the pandemic, we are embarking on some improvements to the Club. We finally got an insurance payout from the last flood event that damaged the ceilings and floors, so we have purchased the materials and will be doing some maintenance and improvements. We have also engaged with a mural artist who is doing an amazing job painting the front of the Club to give it more street appeal. We are also looking at some improvements in the front courtyard and hope to start up a cafe for day time dining that is open to the public over the summer

We have 2 notices of motion this year. The membership must give the committee authority to spend over \$50,000, so we are asking for this permission to install solar panels on the roof of the Club. This will result in approximately \$11,000 of electricity savings per year and will pay for itself in about 6 years. It's good for the environment and good for our bottom line so I hope you will vote yes to this motion.

The second is also along the sustainability lines. WEL energy are looking for space in Raglan to install 2 charging stations for electric cars. EV's are more and more popular and with Raglan as a destination spot, it needs more charging infrastructure to support visits from EV users. The Raglan Club is in a good central location and we have a lot of parking space. At the moment it is still a proposal, WEL are looking at its electricity infrastructure and where they can install charging stations. As per our constitution we need members approval to

lease any land. WEL are looking at a 10-15 year lease of 4 car park spaces. This would be a passive income to the Club of about \$6,000 per year. A couple of areas have been identified and discussed. We are asking the members for feedback on what they think of the proposal. If you are in agreement, you can vote to give the Committee permission to lease land to WEL for this purpose, as long as the Committee are happy with the final proposal. It may not pan out but it also may do. We don't want to spend much time on this if the membership is not in agreement. So please, come to the AGM to give your viewpoint.

We are recommending the cost of membership to stay the same this year, however we are promoting the digital membership card so we won't be providing those little date stickers for the membership cards. If you would like a physical membership card there is an admin fee of \$5. Otherwise use the digital membership card on your smart phone if you are going to other clubs. We have a membership list so if there is any question, please show your id and we will look you up on our system.

Wednesday and Friday's are still the popular Club nights with members draws and raffles sponsored by Top Cut Butchery. Adjuncts sell their raffles on Wednesday's to support their sport and the Club sells them on Fridays to support the Club.

Thursdays nights are music nights with James Ray every Thursday except for the last Thursday of the month which is the local Jam night where local legends come and play. The number of people line dancing every Thursday has gradually increased and it is much loved by those who attend.

Again, I would like to thank our everyone for their work and for supporting the Club over the last year.

*Debbie Dalbeth*

*Raglan Club President*

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