Presidents Report July 2024

Hi Members

As the year rolls around quickly, we find ourselves at AGM time once again. Reflecting on the 2023/24 year, the standout events include the renovations and enhancements to our restaurant. These old buildings need a lot of maintenance and the occasional spruce-up, and we've made significant progress on that front.

One of our major achievements was the installation of the solar power system last year, saving are shown below. This doesn't even take into account the rising power costs and our increased usage due to day trading. The system was estimated to pay for itself in savings within 6-7 years, and we are right on track to achieve that.

We also focused on improving the floor, completing it during the three-week shutdown in June. The results are fantastic—the place looks brighter and more inviting, which has been a huge improvement for our indoor bowlers and line dancers.

Behind the scenes, we've made numerous repairs and upgrades to our cameras, microphones, lighting, gaming, and café/restaurant equipment. Additionally, we addressed water pipe leakages, significantly reducing our water usage bill.

Our management saw a change this year as Troy left, and we welcomed our new manager, Emma, who started during the June shutdown. Emma brings great experience in hospitality and promotions, and we are excited about the positive changes she will bring.

A major administrative update is the transition from the 1908 Incorporated Societies Act to the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act. This requires us to re-register under the new act, which includes many new requirements for committees and constitutions. Clubs NZ provided a model constitution approved by the DIA, which we've adapted to include elements unique to our club. Notably, we have added restrictions to ensure that committees consult with members before making significant expenditures. Please review the proposed changes and provide feedback in advance so we can approve them at the AGM and proceed with re-registering before the deadline.

Our regular club nights on Wednesdays and Fridays continue to be popular, featuring members' draws and raffles sponsored by Top Cut Butchery. Adjuncts sell their raffles on Wednesdays to support their sports, and the Club sells them on Fridays to support our overall operations. Thursday nights remain vibrant with music from James Ray, line dancing, local jam sessions, and steak specials. There truly is something for everyone at the Club, so let's keep supporting it.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our members, sponsors, staff, volunteers, and the Executive for their dedication and support over the past year. Together, we make the Raglan Club a wonderful place to be.

Best regards,

Debbie Dalbeth Raglan Club President July 2024

Savings due to Solar Power





