

Words from our leaders

Presidents Report

It is with pleasure that I present my second report as President.

I would like to record a big thanks to the committee members, Jane, Karyn, Kelly and Murray for their contributions during the year. The committee should feel well satisfied with their contribution because the results on the water are a direct reflection of the administrative support provided. The committee met monthly and Jane ensured that we received our minutes promptly. Jane has great organisational skills and a good example of these was the Wellington regatta which ran like clockwork. Committee work isn't meant to be exciting but I always enjoyed working with Jane.

Karyn is another committee member who is a pleasure to work with and she works tirelessly for the common good. Karyn lead by example in her role as fundraising coordinator and has the highest attendance at fundraisers of us all.

Thanks Murray for keeping the accounts in order for the third year and Kelly for ensuring that the 2003/2004 year book was finally completed and published.

Thanks Louisa for being involved early in the year and for the significant effort you put into completing a funding application on our behalf.

This was the first year that our club incorporated waka ama and we now administer that activity as part of our role. We also own 6 club life jackets and 4 waka ama paddles that we need to safe guard and maintain. Thanks Rosalind and Mark for helping us manage the waka ama booking system and for your advice.

Many thanks go to our sponsors for the critical role they play in allowing us to attend the various regatta's in relative comfort. Other local & regional teams, such as North Shore and ARC, travel by bus to Wellington while we are able to fly. Our principal sponsor is EW and Harry Wilson was once again very generous, obviously recognizing the value to the organization of our sport which is extremely good at team building across all programmes. Our other sponsors include Eastside Tavern, Silver Debster Photography, Bryan Clements Consulting, Grey Street Pharmacy, Café Indulge, Calder & Lawson House of Travel, Eastside Refrigeration, Hamilton East Auto Repairs, Adams Smash Repairs, Artemis Books, Hamilton East Menswear Ltd, MetOcean Solutions Ltd and the Stripe and Moulding Company.

The publicity that we have received through the generosity of Debbie and Tery Hardwicke and their website www.silverdebster.com has been appreciated. In particular, we thank you both for attending the Nationals at Wellington, taking such great photographs and loading them onto the website, all at no charge to the team.

To our coaches Keith Parker and Andy Haigh, a huge thank you. We couldn't have achieved the results we did without you both! In your second year of coaching us Keith, you have once again raised the bar and the results reflect that. EW appreciates the time and effort that you have put into our team at trainings and your dedication in traveling by car to Wellington in the early hours on Saturday morning for the Nationals after finishing work at the Hamilton Stadium.

Thanks Andy for taking on the assistant coaches role and for filling in at trainings and regatta's when Keith wasn't available. Working at EW gave you a greater knowledge of the individual team members which was extremely beneficial.

I'd like to make a special mention of three of our team, who although not members of the committee, made a big impact on our uniform which made us stand out at the Wellington and Auckland regatta's. Thank you Cirina, Malene and Rachel for the work you each put into researching, arranging sponsorship for and producing a new logo and racing tea-shirt. We appreciate your good work.

I apologise to anyone that I haven't included above because there are so many people who have contributed (Jane Leeder for taking videos early in the season, Ross for sweeping, Nicola for calling, Clint, Andy and Paul for steering the waka's etc). It's been a great season and I feel privileged to have been a part of it.



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