

# Remuera Rackets Club (inc)

## Annual Report 2022/23



**For the Year Ended 28 February 2023 2023**



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated will be held on:

**Monday June 19 2023, at 6.30 pm** in the Club Lounge, 17 Dilworth Ave, Remuera.

### AGM AGENDA

- ◆ Welcome and introductions
- ◆ Apologies
- ◆ Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting
- ◆ Presidents' Report
- ◆ Managers' Report
- ◆ Sports' Report
- ◆ Financial Report for the year ended 28 February, 2023
- ◆ Election of Officers
- ◆ Life Membership
- ◆ Election of Auditor
- ◆ General Business

# OUR PEOPLE

## Our Board, Life Members, Staff, & Contractors.

### Club Board

<b>President</b>	Dave Mee
<b>Chairperson</b>	Simon Johnston
<b>Board Officers</b>	Sam Carey, Mike Milne, *Nathan Richardson, *Keely Wickens ( <i>*Resigned during their term</i> ). Co-opted post February 2023—Emma Eccleton, Mark George

### Sub-committees to June 2023:

**Life Membership**—Dave Hyland, Aileen Buscke, Ian Gunthorp

**Rob Roche Scholarship** – Simon Johnston, Dave Hyland, Liam Barry

**Elite Squash Fund** – Dave Mee, Craig Stratford, Sam Carey

### Life Members

**Don Cotter   Dave Griffiths   Heather Worley**

### Personnel

<b>Club Manager</b>	Phil Horne
<b>Sports Administrator</b>	Aileen Buscke (until Dec 2022) / Jasmine Deacon
<b>Marketing Administrator</b>	Jasmine Deacon
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Charles Jones
<b>Bar Operations Manager</b>	Charles Jones
<b>Groundsmen</b>	Bruce Wilson / Matt Clark

### Contractors

<b>The Racket Academy Pro Shop</b>	Liam Barry	<b>Tennis Head Coach</b>	Geoff Beech (Until 1 October 2022)
<b>Squash Coaches</b>	Anthony Lepper + Craig Stratford	<b>The Racket</b>	Ollie Bartosh, Emma Eccleton
<b>Matworks Pilates</b>	Phoebe Heyhoe	<b>Fit Force</b>	Steve Hall

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Tennis

On the whole the club is in good heart despite a number of challenging situations. Tennis, in particular, is going very well following on from a good "Love Tennis" promotion and the appointment of a new coaching team, The Racket. Emma and Ollie are the head coaches and are both based permanently at the club, resulting in a far more focused leadership who are passionate about our club. Membership numbers are up, and tennis club night is thriving, with the unique challenge of often having more players than courts available.

### Squash

Squash has also had a good season, with the highlight no doubt being the Barfoot and Thompson exhibition matches between Paul Coll (world no. 1 at the time) v Mohamed El Shorbagy (no.3) and Joelle King (no.4) v Nele Gilis (no.11). The club hosted over 180 people for dinner and an insightful Q&A session afterwards.

The national team competition was also excellent for the club. The women won the Mitchel Cup against the odds while the men came a very close second in the Cousins Shield. Barring a season ending injury for Todd Redman, they could well have won.

Craig Stratford has initiated and launched an academy with 8 squash players over a 40 week period, to ensure a pipeline of players into our elite team.

However, the one area that needs significant work is in the junior space, with a programme currently under development.

### General Maintenance and Repairs

While very good progress has been made with roof leakages almost under control and general maintenance being kept reasonably up to date, there were a few major weather events which has caused significant disruption. The club was entirely flooded on 3 occasions. As a result, Pilates has been inoperable for over 6 months, but fortunately insurance covers the loss of revenue during this period.

Progress on the repairs has been understandably slow as insurance companies deal with the exceptional scale of the damage cause by the weather events.

The board also decided to renovate the flat upstairs and bring it up to Healthy Homes standard so that it can again be rented out. This will happen in the month of June. There have also been significant, longer term repairs to the roof over the past 12 months.

### Finances

The club has had a reasonably good financial outcome, remaining marginally profitable (\$20k), with increased membership, though also quite significantly increased expenses as outlined in the financial accounts. Membership currently stands at approximately 920.

### Projects

In addition to the general maintenance, a few projects were earmarked for completion. This included the new sauna and resurfacing of tennis courts 5 & 6, both of which were completed some months ago and have been well utilised since.

With the change of bar sponsorship and suppliers, the bar area was also upgraded and is now functionally far better than previously.

The swimming pool had repairs and painting, however, it had a few setbacks and was unable to be completed, but is earmarked for the start of summer.

## Staff and Support

Thanks to Phil for the fantastic work that he has done in trying circumstances with various floods and unexpected delays. Phil always gives 100% and we are lucky to have him managing the club.

Charles has also done a great job looking after the bar. Along with recent appointments of Jasmine and Matt, the club has now got a strong team of committed staff.

After a long and extremely loyal commitment to the club, Aileen has retired, but remains involved and will be assisting in various events. Aileen was extremely crucial in the very successful squash exhibition with Paul Coll and Joelle King. Thanks also to those volunteers who helped tirelessly during the various floods, working bees and "Love Tennis" promotion. All good clubs need the support of their members in order to thrive.

The board must also be thanked for their contribution and the sacrifice of their time. Simon Johnson is stepping down, but proved a reliable and excellent chairman. In addition, Mike Milne is not seeking re-election at the end of his term.

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that I want to acknowledge the passing of one of our club stalwarts, Colin Wallace. Bruce Wilson also lost his fight with cancer. We mourn the passing of these good club men.

We record with sadness the passing of the following members during the 2022 financial year: **Tony Gardner, Colin Wallace, Bruce Wilson, Jeff Robson and Richard Brown.**



**Dave Mee** (*President*)

## OUR BOARD MEMBERS: 2022—2023



**Dave Mee**  
President



**Simon Johnston**  
Board Chair



**Mike Milne**



**Nathan Richardson**  
(*Resigned*)



**Sam Carey**



**Emma Eccleton**  
(*Co-opted*)



**Mark George**  
(*Co-opted*)

# GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT



It is a pleasure to present my report for the year ending February 2023.

While we enjoyed life in a relatively Covid free environment, unfortunately we didn't escape significant weather events on 21 March 2022 and 27 January 2023. The volume of water flowing from Mt Hobson was far too much for the infrastructure and the ground floor was flooded. Thanks to the members and staff who were on hand to assist with the clean-up and the patience of members during ongoing restorations.

Despite these setbacks we were able to remain operational and complete most of the projects identified in the Vision meeting:

Full integration to Hello Club management System.

Lounge and Bar upgrade.

Refurbishment of Tennis courts 5 and 6.

Transition to the Racket Tennis Coaching Programme.

Men's Sauna upgrade.

Projects that were delayed included the upgrade of the swimming pool. The flooding affected this project as focus was concentrated on infrastructure improvements—including the roof and drainage.

Membership continues to be steady and we enjoyed new members joining following the very successful Love Tennis Day in September 2022.

Sponsors – my thanks to the many sponsors who contribute to RRC – we value your support.

## Key events in 2022 / 2023 included

The wonderful squash extravaganza night.

Adrian Lagman – recipient of The Rob Roche Scholarship.

RRC Open Squash Championships, hosting of the National Teams event, and B Grade Men's Squash eliminations.

Mitchell Cup – fantastic victory for the Mitchell Cup Team.

Cousins Shield – a dramatic final with the team finishing runner up.

## Staff

I would like to thank our hard working staff – Aileen, Charles, Jasmine, Bruce, Matt and Lonneke (who we welcomed as an intern for 6 months). Sadly, Bruce passed away in October 2022.

At the start of the year Jasmine joined us as Sports Marketing and Sports Coordinator.

By far the most significant event of the year was saying farewell to Aileen.

Aileen has been at RRC since October 2000 and her contribution is immeasurable. Aileen – special thanks to you for your loyalty, passion, hard work and advice.

I am delighted there is a feature on Aileen later in the Annual Report.

Many thanks to the board for their support and governance and thank you to all members for your support and participation.



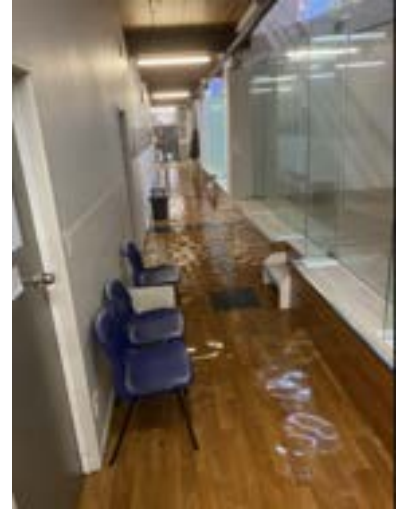
**Phil Horne** (*General Manager*)

## **SPORTS REPORT**

Sports were fortunately COVID free during the 22 / 23 season – apart from isolated cases.

Interclub was back up and running after the massive disruption for both tennis and squash the previous year.

The well documented weather issues created some havoc during the beginning of the year, but the main the club remained operational.



*Flooding throughout the club at the beginning of 2023.*

## **Tennis**

Tennis numbers were enhanced greatly with the successful LOVE TENNIS membership drive in September. This event showcased the club and a limited time special membership offer resulted in many new members joining.



*Our Love Tennis billboard in Newmarket.*



love tennis



*Tennis coach Adrian Lagman & politician David Seymour.*



# THE RACKET

REMUEIRA  
RACKETS CLUB (INC)



**(Ollie Bartosh)**



**(Emma Eccleton)**

Geoff Beech finished his coaching contract and The Racket Tennis Coaching team joined us on 1 October. We acknowledge the effort of Geoff and his team over his time at RRC. Ollie and Emma made an immediate impact with new coaching offers and member engagement and they were very busy over the summer months. The tennis courts were very busy over the summer after the restrictions experienced during the previous season.



*(Junior tennis lessons)*



*(End of term coaching)*



*(2022 Tennis School Holiday Programme)*

## Tennis Interclub

All teams enjoyed being back on court for a full season of Interclub Tennis. We had 10 teams participate in Senior competition – 8 in Saturday competitions, a Midweek Ladies team and a Twilight Men's team.



### SENIOR RESULTS

Caro 1 Reserve – 2<sup>nd</sup> in competition and qualify for promotion to Caro Bowl.

Second Grade 1 – 6<sup>th</sup>

Second Grade 2 – 9<sup>th</sup>

Men's Open 3 – Champions!

Men's Open 5 – 10<sup>th</sup>

Presidents A – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Open Women 1 – 9<sup>th</sup>

Super Men's Team 2 – 11<sup>th</sup>

Midweek Ladies – 7<sup>th</sup>

Twilight Men's – 6<sup>th</sup>



Men's Open 3 division winners celebration.

From the left: **Oliver Hall, Sam Stotter, Terry Dawson, Leith Markvoort, Felipe Carvajal**

Players not in the photo: **Michael Aitken, Nick Timms,**



Presidents Team Interclub Dinner.

From the left: **Wendy Burke, Richard Purser, Jo Palmer, Chris Kelly, Tanya (visitor from Hawkes Bay), Dexter Loos, & Michael Galloway.**

Special mention to Wendy and Michel who were regular players despite residing in Tauranga – great commitment!

## Junior Interclub

We had 6 interclub teams competing during the summer. Thanks to the players, parents and supporters who made this possible.

Junior Interclub Final standings were:

Boys 10: Remuera 1— 2<sup>nd</sup>, Remuera 2— 4<sup>th</sup>

Boys 12: Remuera 1 — 4<sup>th</sup>, Remuera 2— 7<sup>th</sup>

Girls 16— 1<sup>st</sup> equal

Girls 18—9<sup>th</sup>

## ROB ROCHE SCHOLARSHIP - Adrian Lagman

The Rob Roche Scholarship was established last year soon after his death in January. He requested that the scholarship be for the young rackets members of the club to assist with their development and costs to help them achieve their potential participating in national and local tournaments.

Top tennis player **Adrian Lagman** enjoyed an excellent season playing and coaching, and was a very worthy recipient of The Rob Roche Scholarship. This award is a wonderful legacy that honours Rob's name and provided Adrian with funding to travel to tournaments, improve his ranking and get valuable match play.



### Tennis Club Championships 2023

The club championships were held after Covid interrupted this event. Entries in the Men's draw were particularly pleasing and there were some excellent matches.

#### The club champions crowned were:

**Amy Miller**—Ladies singles champion.

**Adrian Lagman**—Men's singles champion.

**Adrian Lagman + Liam Barry**—Men's doubles champions.

Ladies Doubles—not held.



Men's doubles finals: **Richard Purser & Phil Horne** (back left) v **Liam Barry & Adrian Lagman** (back right).

Ladies singles finals: **Amy Miller** (front left) v **Katarzyna Sila-Nowicka** (front right).

## Squash

There were many highlights over the season.

The club were privileged to host an exceptional event – **The Barfoot & Thompson SQUASH EXTRAVAGANZA.**

We welcomed Paul Coll, Mohamed El Shorbagy, Joelle King and Nellie Gillis to RRC. Thanks to Aileen's contact with the players and Dave Mee's promotional skills the evening was unprecedented and unforgettable.

The players entertained the sell-out crowd with competitive matches and an inspiring Q&A session. The night not only provided members with the opportunity to meet these world class stars, but it also provided valuable funds from Barfoot & Thompson to assist with Junior squash. A big thank you to Dave Overend of Affordable Scaffolders for building a new stand and erecting scaffolding for the viewers. EuroVintage also needs to be thanked for providing the gifts for the MC's and players with superb wine and champagne. The Club was also blessed to have Phil Buscke and Todd Redman as entertaining scorers and MC's for the player Q&A.



Above: World ranked players Joelle King, Mohammed El Shorbagy, Paul Coll, and Nele Gilis thrilled the large crowd.



## TOURNAMENTS

The club hosted a successful Open and B Grade National Eliminations event.

### **Remuera Open**

Lana Harrison continued her excellent form winning the Remuera Open – defeating RRC member Catherine Graham in the final. Top men’s player Anthony Lepper was runner up in a 5 set thriller against Elijah Thomas.

### Other RRC members also performed credibly:

Jono O’Rourke – runner up in Division 1, Jake Barton winner of Division 1 Special Plate, Ben Faris winner of Division 1 plate, and Ashleigh Martin Division 2 winner.

Masters – Mark Ng Masters 1 winner and Greg Webb Consolation Plate winner.

### **RRC Top Squash Players**

Our top players Lana Harrison and Anthony Lepper had impressive seasons.

Lana won the RRC Open, PSA North Shore and Eden Epsom events.

Anthony won the Henderson Open and Eden Epsom events.



*(Lana at the Eden Epsom Doug Flint Memorial PSA Open)*



*(Anthony at the Henderson Open)*



**Above: Lana Harrison & Anthony Lepper.**

### **Squash Coaching**

Anthony Lepper continued his excellent coaching and was very busy with private lessons, schools and squads. We welcomed Craig Stratford when Anthony headed overseas and Craig was also extremely busy.

## Squash Club Champions 2022



**Michael Fowke**



**Lana Harrison**

### Results:

Mens Open—Michael Fowke

B Grade Men—Tamati Brooks

C Grade Men—Chee Kwan

D Grade Men—Joshua Jones

Masters Men—Craig Stratford

Women's Open—Lana Harrison

B Grade Women—Sophie Barton

C Grade Women— Daphne Hakkenberg

D Grade Women— Joy Saunders

Masters Women—Sharon Rochford

## NZ Masters Selection

Congratulations to Roger Garrett who was selected for NZ Masters team in 60 + age group, while Craig Stratford was crowned NZ Masters Champion 45 + age group.



**(Roger Garrett)**



**(Craig Stratford)**

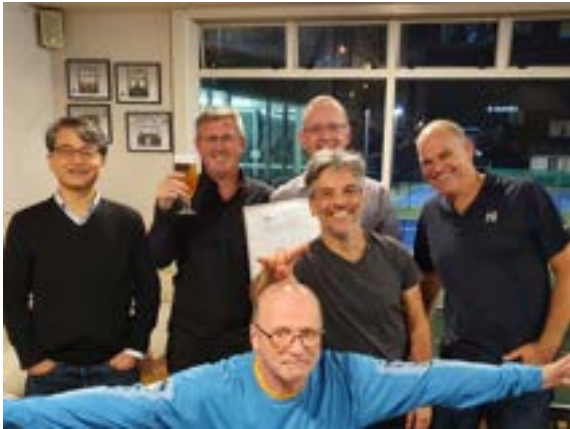
## Squash Interclub: Successful Teams in 2022



**Masters 7:** Terry Dawson, Nathan Pene, Murray Wells, & Yoon Chan



**Masters 6:** Greg Webb, Garth Dixon, Warren Stephens, Sharon Rochford, Rewi Hemara, Paul Corbett & George Horvath. Pictured in 2021 however, the exact same team won again in 2022!



**Masters 3:** From the left, Ted Villarama, Andy Pomfret, Phil Greenslade, Steve Harris. Front: Alex Alvaraz, and captain Ben Unger.



**Spring Men's Open Div 3:** Chee Kwan, Hamish Patterson, Dave Mee, Ben Faris, Kelly Quinn, Jono O'Rourke and captain John Bird.

## BARRIE PRATT FOUNDATION

The **Barrie Pratt Foundation** is a standalone Charitable Trust, with the sole recipient the RRC. The Barrie Pratt Remuera Rackets Club Foundation commenced its investment on 5 July 2022.

Trustees are: Simon Johnston (Chairman), Andrew Gilchrist (Deputy Chair), Charles Haddrell, David Hyland & David Mee (RRC representative).

The Barrie Pratt Foundation donated \$10,000 towards the costs of the lounge upgrade prior to investing the donation. The Trustees agreed with the BC Partners recommendation to invest in a mix of local and globally diversified assets with 60% allocated to equities and 40% allocated to bonds and cash. The portfolio is regularly rebalanced to ensure these allocations are maintained. While the bulk of the 2022 market downturn occurred in the first half of that year, the portfolio value did fall marginally through the end of 2022. The recovery to date this year as recouped those losses and the return for the 9 months to March 2023 was 2.89%. We continue to recommend the current diversified portfolio structure.

### The Barrie Pratt Remuera Rackets Club Foundation

As at 31 Mar 2023	Current (NZD)	% of Portfolio
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,552.65	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$246,939</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Mitchell Cup & Cousins Shield—2022



### **Report from Aileen Buscke.**

Remuera Women have won the prestigious Mitchell Cup 31 times since its inception in 1959. However, in recent years the improved standard and depth within the clubs in NZ have meant a stronger and much sought-after competition. RRC women dominated this event for several years. Our teams were so strong that, in many ways, it had a negative effect on the competition, unlike the Cousins Shield, the men's equivalent, which is always keenly fought and interesting.

Since 2009 Remuera has only brought the trophy home once in the last 13 years! We have reached many finals but only one title in 2015. So, we were well overdue to feature in the winner's circle again. I have personally been part of a number of our club's 31 wins (even as a playing member!), and I have to say the 2022 win was right up there as being one of the most exciting I have experienced. Exciting because two days before it started, we were not sure if we could even field a team, let alone play. Catherine Graham had to withdraw due to Covid, which left us with no reserves. Lana Harrison had a bad bout of bronchitis, and Fiona Rouse was concerned about her shoulder injury.

We were seeded 3rd from 12 teams, and on paper, our chances looked good. But with the setbacks, those chances were slowly diminishing, but we decided to still forge ahead regardless. Our attitude was simply, just to get through one match at a time and see what happens. We were not aware of the other teams' situations, and they could well have had problems as covid was still very prevalent. We started nervously but narrowly won through the early rounds, winning each time 3 matches to 2. In making the final, we had set up another challenge against our old rivals, and last year's winners, Hamilton. Expectations were that the top seeds would again prevail, and therefore win successive titles. Not so! For our team this year, it felt different. We'd beaten the odds to make the final, and during our team talk beforehand, there was an air of positivity and belief that they could reverse last year's result. As manager, I knew I had a team who, on the day, were going to give 'their all'. And they did! When Luka Unger played the deciding match against a higher-ranked player and won match point, we went crazy! I will never forget it. It was definitely the most emotional team win I have experienced in a long time. The spirit and memory of the late Tanya Laurence, our Mitchell Cup Queen was felt throughout. She would have been so proud. Thanks Ladies: Lana Harrison, Fiona Rouse, Ellie Epke, Luka Unger, Rebecca Ellmers, and not forgetting Catherine Lobb, who was at home watching/listening from her Covid bed!

Our Cousins Shield team wasn't so lucky. They reached the finals, and against Tauranga, they were 2 matches, all when Todd Redman seriously injured himself in the deciding game and had to default when in a winning position. The team was gutted! The Team was Willz Donnelly, Anthony Lepper, Todd Redman, Michael Shelton-Agar, Michael Fowke & Taylor Leabourn.





## ANNUAL CLUB AWARD WINNERS

During the 2022 Christmas party, we were delighted to acknowledge and award the following members for their outstanding contribution to RRC.

**Adrian Lagman** – Presidents Award (Excellence in Tennis).

**Liam Barry** – Ray Tamati Award (RRC highest honour).



(Adrian Lagman (left) & Liam Barry (right))

**Hugh Faris** – Nigel Nathan Award  
(Contribution to Squash).



*Pictured with Dave Mee (left) And Aileen Buscke (right)*

**Luka Unger** - Aileen Buscke Award  
(Excellence in Squash).



*Pictured with Aileen Buscke (left)*



**Sophie Barton** – Paul Wright Award  
(Promising Squash Junior).



**Teri Teei** - Val Thorburn Award  
(Contribution to Ladies Tennis).

**2022 RRC XMAS PARTY**



Our annual Xmas party was an excellent success. We were very lucky to have two members ex All Blacks Leon MacDonald and Aaron Mauger, as guest speakers. Scott Couch, our MC was thoroughly entertaining with his Q&A.

A few photos of members who joined us...



Robyn Brewster & Hannah Ryder.



Dexter Loos & Kevin Barry.



Heather Hornsby, Richard Purser & Heather Worley



Tony Dye, David Hyland & Kevin Barry.



Linda Mee & Hannah Matthews.



Emma Eccleton, Phil Horne, Liam Barry, Ollie Bartosh & Aaron Winborn.

**POOL PARTY**

To celebrate summer and the beginning of the year, we held our first event of the year, a pool party! Although the weather was not quite the perfect summer weather everyone was hoping for, the weather held up, and people enjoyed drinks from the tiki bar, food from Fig and Oak, good music and great company!



Sharon Rochford, Yash Kant, Robyn Brewster & Rob Piano.



Fig & Oak providing delicious food!



Pickleball on court!



Chris Kelly, Jo Palmer, Simon Gordon & Richard Purser.



## **AN INTERVIEW WITH AILEEN—MARCH 2023**



### **When did you first start at RRC?**

October 2000

### **Is it true Susie Simcock was the catalyst in you joining the club?**

Very much so. She was the President at the time but only in that position as no one else would take it on – (some things never change!)

She was overseas most of the time, and relayed info online for meetings but at the time I called her she happened to be home. The applications had closed but she re-opened it!

### **What was the membership in those days?**

Morale was low in both codes as were the numbers...the club was adjusting from the Kevin Wright drama.

He covered both tennis and squash and he was very popular with the tennis crowd. Many members left with him and squashies also had a lot of time for him. He and his wife Annette ran the Pro Shop. It was a real family affair. I believed I was coming to work with him but was told on my first day that he'd left and I was disappointed. I realised it was a touchy point and little was explained to me, but knowing Kevin I called him myself. He was very helpful in my first few months.

Membership had dropped a lot and I remember members like Barrie Pratt and Rob Roche telling me I had a mountain to climb. It soon became very obvious that really there was only one way to go and that was up. The club looked a mess ..... Susie was away for the first board meeting, and she gave me full permission to say what I really thought. The board quickly got into action as the club was not in a state to do any promotions. It needed a proper spruce up. The inside was painted throughout which made a big difference but as 'they' went for the cheapest quote it was not as good as it could have been. But certainly a lot better than what it was.

### **The First Decade 2000-2010**

Once I started showing enthusiasm to get the club going again a number of members got together to support me. People like the late Nigel Nathan, Stewart Alexander & Susie Simcock, plus Don Cotter, Jackie Mustard, Ann Barltrop, Susie Springhall, the Crome family to name a few. And from there, genuine interest gradually grew, and the club showed signs of the vibrant 'good old days!

At that time tennis coaching numbers under Troy Turnbull had increased considerably and former national squash coach Paul Wright had set up his Racket Academy. Squash was all the better for his 18 years at the club.

In 2002 we ran the Remuera Classic for both codes and that was very successful. Run on the lines of the Remuera Invitation Event which was very popular in the 60s/70s/80s. The Classic continued for the next 10 years.

### **Particular highlights of your time at RRC?**

There were many! Starting from 2002 the Club was going so much better as membership was steadily increasing. By 2003 we were the strongest squash club in Auckland (& NZ!) winning almost every teams competition we entered in, including the Cousins Shield/Mitchell Cup/ B Grade Mens' & Womens' and Mens' D Grade National titles. We won the Akld Squash Club of the Year.

Loved it when we hosted many tournaments particularly up to 2017. I was tournament director for a number of National & Regional Senior and Junior Events, National Teams A & B and a number of club events. I also loved running the Junior Grand Prix Series for about 7 years up to 2017. Squash junior membership was high during those times. I did a similar series for the junior tennis in my first few years, but the tennis coach chose not to continue.

Writing the book 'The Club' with Ian Gunthorp for the Centennial in 2007. It was a huge challenge and Ian (aka Gunners) was a perfectionist to work with. He made up for the fact that I was working long hours at the time at the club and much of my part had to be done in my own time. In 2004 Gunners was the tournament director for the NZ Masters National Championships and it was incredibly well organised. I was his tournament controller and along with an efficient team of helpers it was a memorable event.

### Best players – tennis and squash?

I don't want to miss anyone out .....but those who immediately come to mind ...

Tennis: Brett Steven, Dan King Turner, James Shortall, Alex Klintcharov, Richard Purser... later of course, now top ten ATP player Cam Norrie. As a young junior Cam played Caro Reserve and was a member of the inaugural winning Junior Caro Bowl Competition.

Squash: Donna Newton, Callum O'Brien, Kashif Shuja The Crome family, The Hawkes family, Fiona Rouse, Marie Pearson Fleur Townsend and Lana Harrison.

But in both codes we have several past NZ reps who continued to play at a domestic level and that was the reason why we had such a lot of success in Cousins Shield and Mitchell Cup. Caro Bowl days up to 2013 saw many former NZ reps but sadly those days are long gone mainly due to the increasing costs. The dominance of the Mitchell Cup by our Remuera women has been a real highlight for me. Up until 2009 Remuera was clearly the best in the country but the last 12 years the competition has been very even which is much better for the competition. Winning it last year was one of the most exciting wins of the 31 times in its history that we have bought the trophy home.

### Social nights highlights?

The Centennial in 2007, the centennial committee well led by Don Cotter was a great group to work with.

The Jubilee in 2013, this was 50 years since the club had been on the current premises (from Market Road)

My Decade Party in 2010

The Casino Fundraiser Nights

The Squash Extravaganza 2022

### Anything else you want to add?

Being at the club for 22 years I witnessed many changes.

During the first decade team numbers were huge. Over a year the club had over 100 teams participating in the various autumn /summer/winter/spring & midweek competitions in tennis and squash, juniors and seniors. Of course, many players were competing in 3 different competitions in a year so there was no downtime. The days of tennis being a summer sport and squash being a winter one is long gone. Both sports are played all year around which I think is a very positive feature. Added to the tennis and squash, competitive and social aspect, the increased activity in the gym and Pilates also grew in popularity. The office was a very busy place with member traffic steadily passing through most days. Up until 2012 the office was open on Saturdays as well until 1pm.

In more recent years the online systems and the progression of technology has reduced the working hours and staff. The systems bought about independence and members had the access to programmes and websites that were not available in past years. In the last 2 years the Hello Club system has been a real asset to many sports clubs like Remuera. But there is a negative side to the modern systems. The socialising and camaraderie are noticeably less. Coupled with the 24/7 lifestyle, most of us live life in the fast lane. There are so many varying opportunities on offer for juniors and young adults to choose from. They will still have coaching but limit their competitive play because they are involved in so many activities that time restricts and challenges their everyday lives. It is definitely a sign of the times in this 2020's era.

Clubs always have their ups and down times, and Remuera is no exception. In the modern age volunteers are hard to find and I believe that is because of the change of current lifestyles. The average member feels that the club has paid staff so there's no need to help, it comes with the subscription. Committees are virtually non-existent and most members do not consider going on them due to their outside or family commitments. It's unfortunate as those who have been part of groups/committees within a club know that the great camaraderie that comes from any working group adds to the club experience. Our club board is voluntary and while I have not always agreed with some of the decisions over the years, I have always appreciated the fact that they are giving their personal time to the club.

Sad times are also part of club life and losing some of our amazing members was very hard to take, Life members Stewart Alexander, Susie Simcock, John Austin, Rob Roche, in my early days the very dominant figure of Pat McKenzie and past President Nigel Nathan. More recently the vibrant Tanya Laurence, Colin Wallace, Barrie Pratt, Michael Pusinelli and Tony Gardner. The passing of two of our groundsmen Anthony Nicol and Bruce Wilson was also a great loss.

In summary I loved working at Remuera and for so long it was like my second home. I was a member back in the 70s and played Mitchell Cup etc. and to come back 25 years later was challenging but mostly an amazing experience. I have made life-long friends and I will always keep in touch. I have left behind very good management! I wish Phil and his team all the best for the future! Aileen was awarded the Ray Tamati Award in 2007 for outstanding services to RRC.



**Special Purpose Financial Statements**  
**Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated**  
**For the year ended 28th February 2023**

**Statement of Profit and Loss**

Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated  
For the year ended 28 February 2023

<b>Account</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Bar income	182,543	108,161
Bar income - Functions	-	290
Court Hire & Visitors Fees	3,100	1,322
Dividends received	303	303
Event & Tournament Income	43,551	5,713
Grants & Donations	10,000	250,000
Interest Received	6,530	2,259
Key Fob	-	1,915
Rent Received - Billboard	29,500	27,400
Rent Received - Car Parks	18,635	6,458
Rent Received - Club Flat	104	10,067
Rent Received - Club Garage	2,080	1,080
Rent Received - Downstairs (Massage) Room	6,539	5,666
Rent Received - Gym	2,340	1,630
Rent Received - Pilates Rooms	9,600	11,250
Rent Received - Pro Shop	9,000	5,885
Rent Received - Upstairs (Physio) Room	-	2,200
Sponsorship	7,127	2,870
Squash Income - Interclub Fees (members)	5,097	2,754
Subscriptions - Fitness Centre	-	470
Subscriptions - Rackets	378,387	330,018
Sundry Income	25,572	6,729
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>740,008</b>	<b>784,440</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Bar - Closing Stock	(6,988)	(5,404)
Bar - Opening Stock	5,404	3,036
Bar - Purchases	87,057	56,297
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>85,473</b>	<b>53,929</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>654,535</b>	<b>730,510</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
COVID-19 Wage Subsidy	1,077	55,356
Resurgence Support	-	35,478
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>90,834</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>655,612</b>	<b>821,344</b>

**Operating Expenses**

ACC Levies	2,267	716
Accounting fees	6,879	950
Advertising	-	450
Audit fees	8,175	7,235
Bank Fees	922	1,091
Bookkeeping / Admin	-	465
Card Access System Expenses	3,580	2,823
Changing room expenses	2,367	308
Cleaning	35,164	30,155
Computer expenses	10,681	7,848
Depreciation	-	2,387
Depreciation as per schedule	68,337	43,127
Electricity & Gas	39,262	26,938
Equipment Lease - Fitness Centre	26,981	31,886
Event & Tournament Expenses	29,897	6,903
Hospitality & Board Expenses	3,513	3,646
Insurance	20,491	16,483
Interest paid	-	103
Kitchen Expenses	1,365	956
Kiwi Saver Employer Contribution	5,451	3,758
Legal expenses	120	-
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	1,636	1,056
Rates	24,700	15,425
Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	31,829	13,183
Repairs and Maintenance - Fitness centre Plant & Equip	2,002	1,603
Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds & Tennis Courts	11,462	4,002
Repairs and Maintenance - Swimming Pool	3,891	1,237
Security	8,304	8,347
Squash Expenses - Affiliation fees	15,859	17,477
Squash Expenses - Club Nights/ Coaching	6,980	5,234
Squash Expenses - Cousin Shield / Mitchell Cup	2,123	2,870
Squash Expenses - Interclub	8,064	4,236
Subscriptions	76	615
Sundry expenses - Admin	(526)	3,709
Sundry expenses - Bar	19,521	11,013
Sundry expenses - Fitness Centre	3,801	3,740
Telephone & Internet	3,379	3,917
Tennis Expenses - Affiliation fees	8,526	10,818
Tennis Expenses - Caro Bowl	-	43
Tennis Expenses - Club Nights	9,047	4,939
Tennis Expenses - Interclub	1,441	1,667
Wages & Salaries - Admin	125,637	115,826
Wages & Salaries - Bar	61,529	55,271
Wages & Salaries - Cleaning	-	840
Wages & Salaries - Grounds, Repairs & Maintenance	14,171	24,807
Website Hosting & Support	-	1,440
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>628,904</b>	<b>501,545</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>26,708</b>	<b>319,800</b>



**Statement of Movements in Equity**

Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated

For the year ended 28 February 2023

<b>Account</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Opening Balance	1,834,395	1,510,595
Opening Balance adjustment Note 12	(254,000)	-
Current Year Earnings	26,708	319,800
Entrance Fees	-	4,000
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,607,103</b>	<b>1,834,395</b>

**Balance Sheet**

Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated

As at 28 February 2023

<b>Account</b>	<b>28 Feb 2023</b>	<b>28 Feb 2022</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Cheque account	220,910	358,826
Debit Card Account	2,028	501
Development Funds Held	9,497	261,638
Term Deposit 03043	157,029	153,011
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>389,464</b>	<b>773,977</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	9,155	5,641
Accrued Income	-	377
Bar Stock	6,988	5,404
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>405,607</b>	<b>785,399</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Computer Hardware	9,969	5,026
Computer Software	14,055	14,055
Floodlights	203,490	203,490
Furnishings	131,466	107,790
Gym	321,932	321,932
Gym Equipment	104,409	104,409
Land	629,459	597,422
Pavilion & Squash Courts	1,004,744	903,168
Plant and Equipment	153,574	143,625
Security Equipment	29,138	10,985
less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Hardware	(6,106)	(5,018)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Software	(11,675)	(9,295)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Floodlights	(175,982)	(173,086)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Furnishings	(103,656)	(95,209)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Gym	(147,105)	(140,237)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Gym Equipment	(94,287)	(87,636)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Land & Improvements	(44,501)	(39,696)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Pavilion & Squash Courts	(631,382)	(604,689)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Equipment	(137,483)	(133,478)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Security Equipment	(4,688)	(183)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,245,372</b>	<b>1,123,376</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,650,979</b>	<b>1,908,774</b>


<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	18,046	31,547	
Accruals	9,530	26,562	
GST Account	5,540	(9,865)	
Rob Roche Development Fund	7,727	11,118	
Rounding	-	-	
Sundry Payables	-	11,259	
Wages Deductions Payable	3,033	3,758	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>43,876</b>	<b>74,379</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>43,876</b>	<b>74,379</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>			
	<b>1,607,103</b>	<b>1,834,395</b>	
<b>Equity</b>			
Capital Gains	339,444	339,444	
Current Year Earnings	26,708	319,800	
Entrance Fees	-	4,000	
Retained Earnings	1,240,951	1,171,151	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,607,103</b>	<b>1,834,395</b>	

For and on behalf of the Club:

  
CHAIRMAN

Date:

7/6/2023

  
TREASURER

Date:

6/6/2023

### Schedule of Fixed Assets and Depreciation by Category

Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated

For the year ended 28 February 2023

	Opening Cost	Opening Accum Dep	Opening Book Value	Closing Cost	Closing Accum Dep	Closing Book Value
<b>Computer Hardware</b>						
	5,026	5,018	8	9,969	6,106	3,863
<b>Computer Software</b>						
	14,055	9,295	4,760	14,055	11,675	2,380
<b>Floodlights</b>						
	203,490	173,086	30,404	203,490	175,982	27,508
<b>Furnishings, Fixture and Fittings</b>						
	107,790	95,209	12,581	131,466	103,656	27,810
<b>Gym</b>						
	321,932	140,237	181,695	321,932	147,105	174,823
<b>Gym Equipment</b>						
	104,409	87,636	16,773	104,409	94,287	10,122
<b>Land and Buildings</b>						
	597,422	39,696	557,727	629,459	44,501	584,958
<b>Pavilion &amp; Squash Courts</b>						
	903,168	604,689	298,479	1,004,744	631,382	373,362
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>						
	143,625	133,478	10,147	153,574	137,483	16,091
<b>Security Equipment</b>						
	10,985	183	10,802	29,138	4,688	24,450
	<b>2,411,903</b>	<b>1,288,527</b>	<b>1,123,376</b>	<b>2,602,236</b>	<b>1,356,864</b>	<b>1,245,372</b>

**Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements**

Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated

For the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**1. Reporting Entity**

The financial statements presented here are for Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated (the Club). The Club is a society incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. These financial statements are of special purpose and have been prepared in accordance with the specific accounting policies outlined below for the sole purpose of complying with the financial reporting requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The accounting policies adopted may not conform with generally accepted accounting practice and accordingly the financial statements should only be relied on for the expressly stated purpose.

**2. Measurement Base**

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the financial performance and financial position on a historical cost basis are followed.

**3. Statement of Accounting Policies**

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the financial performance and financial position have been applied.

**Revenue Recognition**

Revenue in the Statement of Profit or Loss is accounted for as invoiced or as received. No adjustment has been made for revenue received in advance.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts Receivable are stated at their estimated realisable value. Bad debts are written off in the year they are identified.

**Inventories**

Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost, determined on an average cost basis, and net realisable value, after due allowance for damage and obsolescence.

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated

For the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Property, Plant and Equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at cost with depreciation being deducted on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, with depreciation rates being set by the committee.

The rates are:

Computer Hardware	40% to 48% SL, 50% DV
Computer Software	48% to 50% DV
Furnishings, Fixtures and Fittings	7% to 30% SL, or 12.0% to 48% DV
Floodlights	8% to 10% DV
Gym	2% to 6% SL, or 14.4% DV
Gym Equipment	30% SL, or 11.4% to 40% DV
Land and Buildings	0% to 13.5% SL
Pavilion and Squash Courts	2% to 10 SL, or 8% to 67% DV
Plant and Equipment	8.4% to 30% SL, or 10% to 48% DV
Security Equipment	13.5% SL or 20 % DV

### Operating Lease

Operating leases are those where all risks and benefits incidental to ownership are retained by the lessor. Operating lease payments are expensed in the periods that the amounts are payable.

### Income Tax

The Club is exempt from Income Tax pursuant to Section CW 46 of the Income Tax Act 2007, which relates to bodies promoting amateur games and sports.

### Goods and Services Tax

All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

### Changes in Accounting Policies

All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

#### 4. Contingent Liabilities

At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities (2022: \$ Nil).

#### 5. Securities Granted

The Club had granted the following securities as at balance date:

- a. Registered first mortgage over property situated at 17 Dilworth Avenue, Remuera, Auckland
- b. Collateral over liquor and associated products supplied by Lion NZ Limited (Lion), and plant and equipment for the use in storage, refrigeration, and/or dispensing of beverages supplied by Lion.
- c. Collateral over alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage kegs, beer systems and taps, point of sale material, signage, fridges, cool room, umbrellas, and other property supplied by Independent Liquor (NZ) Limited

- d. Collateral over 13 items of gym equipment supplied by Life Fitness and financed by Asset Resources Limited
- e. Collateral over two indoor rowing machines supplied by Concept Ergo Limited
- f. Collateral over two EFTPOS terminals financed by Finance Now Limited
- g. Letter of credit issued to I Payroll Limited, to \$11,700.

#### 6. Land and Buildings

The Club's premises comprising freehold land and buildings were valued by Auckland Council as at 1 June 2021 at \$6,800,000 on the basis of continued use as a Tennis and Squash facility.

#### 7. Rob Roche Development Fund

Funds donated by Rob Roche during the 2015 financial year for the development of young tennis and squash players have been set aside in a separate on-call interest bearing deposit account. These funds are not refundable should the project not proceed. The balance of the fund as at 28 February 2023 is \$7,727 (2022: \$11,118).

#### 8. Commitments

Capital commitments at balance date: \$44,150 (2022 \$73,583)

#### 9. Subsequent Events

Subsequent Events Nil (2022: Nil)

#### 10. Bar Surplus

Bar surplus comprises:	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Income	182,543	108,451
Less Expenses	168,107	122,581
<b>Bar Surplus</b>	<b>\$14,436</b>	<b>(\$14,130)</b>

#### 11. Related Party

In the prior year a generous bequest was made to the club by Mr Barrie Pratt, this was erroneously included in income in the prior year whereas the correct treatment should have been funds held on behalf of the Foundation. This has necessitated adjustment to opening retained earnings detailed in Note 12.

A charitable foundation was established on 15 March 2022 being the Barrie Pratt Remuera Rackets Club Foundation, the bequest has been transferred to the Foundation from the Club. These funds are to be used to support youth development within the club.

#### 12. Prior Period Adjustment

Prior period comparatives where applicable have been reclassified and adjusted to ensure disclosures are consistent with current year. As disclosed in the statement of equity, and adjustment for \$250,000 was made to the opening balance of Retained earnings, These two adjustments are to account for the Bequest of Mr Barrie Pratt and the second adjustment was for \$4,000 to reverse an error from the prior year.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Members of Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated

#### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated (the Club) on pages 3 to 11, which comprise the balance sheet as at 28 February 2023 and the statement of profit or loss and the statement of movements in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the special purpose financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying special purpose financial statements of the Club for the year ended 28 February 2023 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Notes 1 to 3 of the special purpose financial statements.

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

The special purpose financial statements include bar income (cash sales) of \$24,102 (2022: \$17,510) over which limited controls exist prior to the cash received being recorded in the Club's accounting records. There were no practical procedures available to us to confirm the completeness and accuracy of the cash sales included in the bar income revenue stream. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to the amount of bar income were necessary. The opinion on the special purpose financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022 was also qualified in these respects.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Club in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

An associated company, JSA Limited, which has commonality of one of the shareholders, has assisted with the compilation of the Club's special purpose financial statements. Other than this, we as auditors have no relationship with, or interests in, Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated.

#### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

We draw attention to Note 1 to the special purpose financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements are prepared for the sole purpose of complying with the financial reporting requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and as a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Club's Members, as a body and should not be distributed to parties other than the Club and its Members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other Matter

The special purpose financial statements of Remuera Rackets Club Incorporated for the year ended 28 February 2022 was audited by another auditor who expressed a qualified opinion on those statements on 31 October 2022.



### **Boards' Responsibilities for the Special Purpose Financial Statements**

The Board is responsible on behalf of the Club for the preparation of the special purpose financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies as disclosed in Notes 1 to 3 of the special purpose financial statements and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Club's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board is either intend to liquidate the Club or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial report as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Club's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Club's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Club to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*JSA AUDIT LTD*

**JSA Audit Limited  
Parnell, Auckland  
07 June 2023**

# MINUTES OF THE AGM 2022



16 June 2022

Remuera Rackets Club, Dilworth Ave, Remuera, Auckland.

## WELCOME

Janet Clarke as acting chairperson welcomed guests to the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Remuera Rackets Club.

Janet asked those who have not already to please sign in at register and then advised that the minimum 20 people in attendance had been reached. She advised that reports would be presented and there would be Q&A sessions after each report. She asked members to please raise their hand to ask questions and state their name for the minuting person.

## Introductions

Janet introduced the Board members who were present – Dave Hyland (President), Sam Carey, Mike Milne, Nathan Richardson, Simon Johnston, Dave Mee.

## Life Members:

Present: Don Cotter & Dave Griffiths

Apologies: from Heather Worley

A warm welcome was extended to members. Members who were present were: Simon Johnston, Nathan Richardson, Dave Mee, David Hughes, Mike Milne, Keely Wickins, Ben Wickins, Yash Kant, Phil Horne, Ian Gunthorp, Dave Hyland, Jennifer Ferguson, John Paul Penny, Rob Wills, Don Cotter, Margaret Cotter, Jake Simpson, Richard Donaldson, Dave Gray, Ron McCapra, Sam Carey, Charles Jones, Liam Barry, Sharon Rochford, Mark George, Barry Davidson, Rob Piano.

Apologies were received from: Jenny Williams, Richard Purser, Colin McGowan, Isla McGowan, Andrew Gilchrist, Heather Worley, Brett Young, Dexter Loos, Geoff Beech, Bob Gillies, Brice Darwin.

Motion that apologies are accepted

*Moved: Janet*

*Seconded: Mike*

*MOTION CARRIED*

## Obituaries – Dave Hyland

The club was advised of the following obituaries during the financial year.

Richard Brown and Michael Pusinelli.

Dave Hyland made a special mention of the recent passing of Tony Gardener, a highly respected member of our club and the community. He will be mentioned in the next AGM report.

**Minutes of the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, were included in the meetings Annual Reports.

The following matters arising were raised

Don Cotter asked if the audited accounts were sent out from the last AGM

Mike Milne responded that he believed those had been sent in March.

*Motion – that the minutes of the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

*Moved: Dave Mee*

*Seconded: Tim Cantlon*

*MOTION CARRIED*

## REPORTS

### Board Report – Dave Hyland

Dave welcomed members and highlighted the following areas of his report:

- It was sad to have had so many disruptions in the last year due to COVID-19, including having to cancel the awards and Christmas dinner last year.
- Special thanks to Charles, Phil and Aileen and bar staff for their hard work over the past year.
- We are running a profitable model – our subscription to wage ratio sits under 40% which is under the acceptable target of 50%
- COVID-19 disruptions have delayed some projects such as the refurbishment of the tennis courts and the pool area. However, the lounge upgrade has been completed and other projects like restoring the men's sauna are in progress.
- The COVID-19 rollercoaster has caused fluctuation in member numbers. We have not yet set in place a marketing/promotional plan, but this is being worked on by the board and there will be an update to members on this shortly.
- Congratulations to Don Cotter on his appointment as the new NZ Squash Patron replacing Dame Susan Devoy – this was met with a round of applause from members present.
- Congratulations to Heather Worley for her receipt of a life membership at the last AGM – this was met with a round of applause from members present.
- Thanks to Liam Barry, Liam is a real asset to club for his charisma and support - this was met with a round of applause from members present.
- Thanks to Aileen for all her hard work for the club, dedication to the club and its members, and just an all-round big appreciation for her work. Thanks for sticking with the club through all the good times and bad. It was announced a couple of days ago that Aileen will be stepping down from her role at the end of the year. Aileen was presented with a bouquet of flowers as thanks from the Board and Phil and Charles.
- The Barry Pratt foundation has now been fully set up to manage the generous bequest from the late Barry Pratt. Simon Johnston is chair of this trust.
- The Rob Roche scholarship was awarded to Anthony Lepper – a very deserving recipient.
- Thanks given to all the clubs Sponsors, volunteers and contractors – the Board appreciates their work and dedication to the club.
- The Vision – The Board now has a clear vision to remain on site and make steps forward from this position. The Vision presentation was conducted earlier in the year to listen to the members about what we need to look like and what our members need from us.
- Final thank you from Dave Hyland personally to the board, Janet as chair, and rest of the board for their hard work and supporting his role. It had been a tough road but achieved a great amount with great results.

### At the conclusion of the report, Dave Hyland invited questions:

- **Barry Davidson:** Speaking a past chairman, under Dave's guidance the club has been turned around and Dave has done a tremendous job as president. Barry invited the audience to put their hands together for Dave (which they did)
- **Don Cotter:** Dave Hyland has spent 6 total years on board and 4 of those as president. Don acknowledged this as a massive contribution, the long hours, and that the club has been in good hands. He thanked Dave Hyland on behalf of the club and presented him with a token of appreciation.
- **Dave Hyland** responded that he could not done this without help from the board and help from those in this room, and thanks very much to everyone for their support.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Board report.

*Motion – that the Board report be accepted into the minutes.*

*Moved: Janet*

*Seconded: Simon*

**CARRIED**

## Sports Report – Aileen Buscke

Aileen highlighted the following areas in her report:

- It was a disruptive year but the players have made the most where they can.
- Whilst tennis was played from level 3, they were more disrupted in terms of competition than squash. However, the tennis courts were kept very busy as even the squashes were on the tennis courts (as they were open before the squash courts were)
- Generally, August to Easter is tennis season and so the first half was effectively wiped out due to COVID. Although it was a short season they did well, and Jo Palmer was a great captain and lead her team to come second place.
- The other great tennis team was the women's team and they came second in the women's 4 Division.
- Squash was still busy as well, the nature of shorter competitions throughout the different seasons meant less disruption from COVID. We had 8 winning teams in this time.
- The squash accomplishment to really skate about it was the C-grade men's team winning the regional Superchamps and earn a place at nationals. Sadly the nationals was scrapped (due to COVID) but they were sure to win!
- Cousin's shield and Mitchell cup: We came runner up in Mitchell Cup beaten by a whisker by the Hamilton team. The men maintained their seeding in the Cousin's Shield. But this year (which will show in next years' report) – the women were amazing and won the Mitchell cup. Aileen described it as the most emotional cup win and her proudest moment, having won it for the late Tania. When Luka won the match point on the last game the whole team rushed on to court and there were many tears. The men's team for Cousin's Shield came second nearly making it a double whammy. But unfortunately, Todd Redmond was very badly injured in his game and still cannot sit or stand.
- Aileen also made special thanks to
  - Dave Hyland for always having understanding ear.
  - Janet Clarke for all the conversations and being so understanding.
  - Nathan Richardson, for all the IT help
  - The Board a whole, who have been a great board to work with. And looking forward to working with the new Board.

There were no questions or comments on the Sports Report.

*Motion – that the Sports report be accepted into the minutes.*

*Moved: Nathan*

*Seconded: Ian Gunthorp*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Finance Report – Mike Milne

Mike highlighted the following areas of his report:

Overall, the club is in a reasonable state considering we were very affected by covid

### INCOME

Bar surplus made a loss – not unexpected due to COVID as not as many customers

The Barry Pratt foundation bequest is fantastic for the club.

Subscriptions – affected by COVID but overall, a lot of loyalty in the club from the members to continue to continue their membership despite disruption and inability to use facilities

Facilities Rental Income is down from last year, but we did give rent holidays to tenants due to COVID.

Covid income was \$90,000 in two payments wage subsidy and resurgence support. We paid this out to our staff as we paid throughout the whole period.

## EXPENSES

Expenses were similar to the year prior

Total operating expenses of \$407,000 compared to \$377,000

Net profit of \$342,000 – minus the \$250,000 from Barry pratt which equates to approximately \$90,000 but this is still a draft not yet signed off by the auditor. There are some amounts not included so expecting the audited accounts to equate to about \$70,000 which is still a really good profit for the club.

Turning to the balance sheet. Current assets are \$335,000 (without Barry Pratt bequest) and liabilities are \$57,000 and that is a very strong current ratio.

Big expenses this year have been on upgrading the lounge, upgrading the security, and moving to hello club – spent \$50,000 - \$60,000 on those alone but as of today our bank account is about \$450,000 after paying off those large expenses.

### At the conclusion of the report Mike invited questions:

- **Don Cotter:** can you please tell us how many bank accounts are accounted for in these accounts?
- **-Mike Milne:** these are the accounts as at 28<sup>th</sup> February – The Barry Pratt bequest was in our bank account but it has now been moved to the trust account in the Barry Pratt Trust.
  - Don Cotter:** the rest is in bank account and in term deposit
  - Mike Milne:** yes
- **Don Cotter:** I believe that the \$250,000 bequest should be treated as capital and not revenue as it is for its own purpose. Therefore, it is shown in the incorrect place in this set of accounts.
  - Mike Milne:** The Barry Pratt bequest is sitting in the club an annuity type investment. This is treated differently to the Rob Roche Scholarship amount which is treated as a liability.
- **Don Cotter:** I am concerned that these are unaudited accounts. The purpose of the AGM is to sign off on audited accounts. Why have these accounts not yet been audited?
  - Mike Milne:** the auditing process is taking longer than expected. Last year it was expected to have them audited in time.
  - Don Cotter:** this is not acceptable response, and if you are going to propose the same auditors for next time then we (the members) shouldn't approve this as they are not doing it on time.
- **Don Cotter:** Coming back to the Barry pratt Foundation and bequest. Can the club turn to that for any projects?
  - Simon Johnston:** the funds from the bequest have been taken from the club and placed into a trust account to be invested by trustees of the Barry Pratt Trust and the club can approach the Barry Pratt foundation to request funding which will be decided by the committee. The main purpose of the bequest is to support the youth and teams for the benefit of the club. There has been a one-off payment for \$10,000 so far.
  - Don Cotter:** reiterated concern as after having spoken with accountants believes that it has not been treated appropriately in balance sheet.
- **Don Cotter:** How is Rob Roche Scholarship working?
  - Mike Milne:** club will match the grants 50/50
  - Simon Johnston:** just like The Barrie Pratt Foundation – the club will contribute to the recipient but the recipient will only be selected if the criteria is met.
  - Rob Roche Scholarship– asses the amount every year and try to keep it building up so it doesn't diminish to zero.
- **Don Cotter:** Again, raised concern at lack of audit. Understands that by not having audited accounts this is outside of the constitution and will come back to the constitution in general business.

- **Ian Gunthorp:** I agree with Don that the profit & loss statement should not include the \$250,000 bequest and should be treated differently. Also concurs about the audited accounts, it should be done for the AGM
  - Simon Johnston:** In many sporting clubs and organisations such as ours – a full audit does not need to be done every year. The people who know more about accounts are looking into that but agreed that if we are going to commit to presenting audited accounts that it shouldn't take this long.
  - Mike Milne:** we have not yet approved the new auditors but there is a good chance it will not be the same.
- **Tim Cantlon:** I don't note any statement of cashflows – do we not do these?
  - Mike Milne:** we have not done those for the last few years
  - Tim Cantlon:** suggests we do this and asks the Board to consider running cashflow statements due to our size and the fact we are now taking in cash/cashflow positive.
- **Ian Gunthorp:** A Budget is something that has previously been included with the accounts thinks that it is useful for the members to see a budget.
  - Mike Milne:** The Board has a budget prepared, and it will be sent out with the audited accounts.
  - Barry Davidson:** previously the budget has been presented to the members at the AGM which helps members understand the budget rather than an email.
  - Mike Milne:** we do have one prepared for this year, I don't believe it is required by the constitution, but we will present it by email with the audited accounts.
  - Ian Gunthorp:** Does not believe it is required by the constitution, but it is something that has been traditionally requested by the members.
- **Don Cotter:** I am conscious that covid has impacted our subscriptions and acknowledged that Phil has done huge amount of work on migration to the Hello Club system. Has done some calculations based on approx. membership numbers and subscription rates and believes we should be getting approx. \$100,000 more for subscriptions (by my calculations we should be getting \$450,000 in subscriptions as we used to if we have approx. 900 members). Tasked Phil – that we need to get the data base finished so we know exactly how many members we have and get meaningful conversations about going forward from that point. I don't believe we have 900 true members.
  - Sam Carey:** you are right in the sense that it doesn't feel like we have 900 members. However, we have gone through the membership categories and revised and condensed them. One category that was highly populated was young adult and that was \$6.95 a week (previously) and that is why the yield is down on current membership amount. The plan is to have a healthier membership in terms of amount without overloading the facilities. We have done the website first, then revised the membership categories, installed hello club, and now we can start marketing to the right kind of members we want. A lot of members were/are gym members who were paying very little but also come in early in the morning and late in the evening outside of peak times.
  - Janet Clarke:** asked if one membership could be 4 people if a family membership
  - Don Cotter:** responded that there are not many of the family memberships after his discussions with Phil
  - Janet Clarke:** the issue with the rough calculation is that the numbers being used could be skewed if using the mean membership amount if the majority of members are on the low paying memberships such as the gym. There is also a note to be made about the transition to hello club, where only about 740 members have signed up to hello club. She asks to please encourage anyone you know who is a member to sign up to hello club if they have not yet. We continue to work on retention as well as building new membership.
  - Don Cotter:** Is it correct that members that were paying lower membership amounts have the same right to vote as a member paying a higher membership amount? And is this fair in the constitution?
  - Janet Clarke:** Technically yes as they are a paying member for 12 months, however this is the kind of point that will be considered in the revision of the constitution.

There were no further questions regarding the Finance report.

*Motion – that the draft set of accounts be accepted into the minutes.*

*Don Cotter and Ian Gunthorp moved that they are not accepted as they are not accurate and audited.*

*Don Cotter added this was not criticism directed necessarily at the Board, or admin, or management, just making concerns as a 60 year member and a point that we need to governance right.*

*Janet thanks for comments and that the Board is taking it seriously.*

**MOTION NOT CARRIED**

## Nomination for Life Membership

There have been no nominations for life membership received this year.

- Ian Gunthorp: would like it recorded how successful the subcommittee has been for Life Membership decisions comprising of Dave Hyland, Aileen Buscke, and himself – it shows discipline and commitment.

## Election of Auditor

This has been postponed as the club is going to tender for this position. This will be announced to the members in a further announcement.

## Election of Officers

There was a total of 4 Board Vacancies inclusive of the President's Position.

There were 3 nominations for Board Members and 2 Nominations for President. The nominations for Board members were Sam Carey, Nathan Richardson, and Keely Wickins. As there were equal nominations as vacancies the nominations were accepted. The nominees were congratulated on their appointment to the Board.

- Keely spoke to the floor. She introduced herself to the members and spoke of her history at the club and her willingness to continue to be involved in the clubs future and being part of the Board.
  - Simon Johnston commented that it was great of the board to invite Keely to be an intern to the board and it was a great initiative.
- Nathan spoke to the floor. He paid tribute to Richard brown. He thanked Dave Hyland for his hard work over the years. This is Nathan's fourth AGM – he said that the most important thing is culture and that Dave has done well to lead and build a great culture. He thanked Janet Clarke as well for "herding the cats" and leading us in the meetings, helping the board get effective and efficient. He thanked Phil for all of his incredible hard work and project completions that has been made. He thanked Aileen for her work and dedication to the club; she will be a hard act to follow.
- Sam spoke to the floor. He spoke of his experience in the club as a member and as a Board member. He advises he was the lead on the gym refurbishment project and the website rebuild. Going forward he wants to focus on the membership and building a better club community starting with the club pride and culture, and bringing in apparel and club colours etc.

*Motion that Keely, Nathan, and Sam be accepted as Board Members.*

*Moved: Dave Hyland*

*Seconded: Barry Davidson*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Janet Clarke announced Dave Hyland's retirement. Dave has provided much sage advice, she has learnt a lot from him, his contribution (including humour) has been great, and the Board has enjoyed working with you and will miss you.

Dave Hyland: Thanked the scrutineers Rob Wills and John Wilkinson for their work and attendance tonight. The nominations for President of the Board were announced as Simon Johnston, and Dave Mee.

Dave Hyland announced the new President of the Board as Dave Mee. Congratulations to Dave, applause from the floor.

Dave Mee spoke to the floor: Simon and Dave go back a few years and despite competing for the role they will work very well together. He feels privileged to work with a good board, with good skills around the table and thanks to all who have been involved so far, especially Dave Hyland.

Ian Gunthorp asked to know the total number of votes:

Rob Wills advised there was a total of 96 votes cast.

*Motion that the voting papers are destroyed.*

*Moved: Rob Wills*

*Seconded: Simon Johnston*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## General Business

The floor was opened for general business.

- **Barry Davidson:** I am disappointed in voting procedure this year. Recommended that it needs to be more secure procedure.
  - Simon Johnston:** The Board are the first to admit that the timeline was not ideal, and the voting process was not ideal. Moving forward the next process will be done better and in accordance with the constitution.
  - Dave Mee:** The Board will also look at doing it online next year to encourage more voter turnout.
  - Janet Clarke:** We are working under an old and outdated constitution, but this is going to be reviewed. There will be a way to get a secure online voting platform
  - Jo Palmer:** suggested that there is a locked box that could have been used as a more secure voting box.
  - Nathan Richardson:** confirmed this was the case but it still required that it required members to come to the club physically to vote.
  - Don Cotter:** according to constitution votes should be taken by way of hands at the AGM
  - Janet Clarke:** that is technically correct but that was not going to be feasible and hasn't been done like that for many years. The Board takes on this feedback and constructive criticism and we are committed to resolving these issues. We have been stymied but progress on new constitution is moving forward.
- **Ian Gunthorp:** The existing constitution has not been revised since 1988 and it is out of date and insufficient. There has been a lot of changes proposed many of which are routine and should not cause any issues but some are controversial and will attract differing opinions, but there needs to be a common ground. I would like to see the new Board take it on board as it has been stalled.
  - Janet Clarke:** there has been a lot of work done so far, but I was not aware that is or should be the Board that is driving it.
  - Dave Hyland:** there is a subcommittee that has been doing a lot of work on it and it is almost ready to take forward.
  - Janet Clarke:** mentions that there is a new Incorporated Society Act that will need to be taken into account.
  - Simon Johnston:** Andrew Gilchrist who was doing a lot of work had been delayed by other projects, but should now have more time to dedicate.
- **Tim Cantlon:** At the last time AGM I challenged the Board to create a vision for the club. There has been a great start so far. However, I don't understand how we are creating a "conveyor belt" of new members. Not trying to be provocative but when I the coaching is filling up the tennis courts, but the kids being coached are not members what are we doing to encourage them and their families to become members. Especially if they are taking up a lot of courts at prime times.
  - Phil Horne:** we are currently undertaking a review and in consultation with multiple parties for tennis, including our current coaches. Goal to take those being coached and convert them into members as currently this is not the case and that's not the best for the club.
  - Tim Cantlon:** the coaches are great, it's just the structure of the legacy arrangement that should be reviewed as the coaches seem enthusiastic and committed.
  - Phil Horne:** agreed
  - Dave Mee:** agreed and the Board is on the same page, 100% we want this to change so that the courts usage converts into paid memberships.
- **Barry Davidson:** Why are members leaving? Need to seriously look at our retention of members. Some clubs would have 60% of members at the AGM and we have a poor turnout.
  - Sam Carey:** If you are asking about why junior members leave then often it is to move out of the city for Uni or go overseas for travel. We are looking at ways to improve our retention overall.
- **Barry Davidson:** Suggests that the format of the Christmas party be examined. In my personal view that the idea of the awards being held at the party not ideal. The awards take too long out of the party time and make it boring. Suggesting a separate function for the awards and keep the Christmas party purely social.
  - Simon Johnston:** that feedback was taken on board last year and there was only 20 mins allocated for awards at last year's Christmas party. (Unfortunately, never eventuated due to COVID).



- Tim Cantlon:** At the last AGM we were lamenting the lounge. Would like to compliment all those who worked on the lounge upgrade, including Phil. What are we doing in next month in the middle of winter to generate revenue in the bar? Can we/Are we doing something around the Irish test series as we now have the environment?

**Phil Horne:** We currently have 5 future function bookings so far, but totally agree we need to organise other events around rugby tests and other sporting events etc.

**Tim Cantlon:** suggests organising something for the first Irish test on 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Dave Mee:** There is an appetite for people to get out as so many things have been cancelled over the last year. Now that the bar is up and running, we will be running communication to get events going, and an ongoing promotion of our space. Last 2 months have shown a marked increase in people in the bar on average days.

**Tim Cantlon:** suggests a social calendar for the club.

**Dave Mee:** there is more normality about COVID now and now people are ready to get together and it should pick up.
- Don Cotter:** What is the current Board proposing for the strategic vision/option for the club? Concerns me that no action is being taken.

**Dave Mee:** This is why I got involved with the Board to try and take some action. You have got to move with a plan that people can see, however we have been treading water mainly due to COVID. The Board is committed to coming up with a timeline of what the plan is and when action points and options will be presented to the members. Feels like not much has been happening in last 4 years. This was discussed at the last Board meeting; we will create a timeline that the Board can be held accountable for. This is the fundamental piece.

**Nathan Richardson:** we have done the vision meeting. We are now all on the same page and solidified that we are working in the right direction. We need to make sure that as we step forward, we have an auditable process in place that we can present the right options to the members to make a decision. Apologies for the time it has taken to get here but we are committed to getting things progressed.

**Don Cotter:** comment that it felt like we were at that point 18 months ago but I look forward to the next 6 months

**Dave Mee:** we have been battling to just be alive in business in last 18 months (as have many businesses) so our priority was staying open and alive and now we have got through it we will move forward. Give the Board a chance to commit to specific and clear timelines and then hold us accountable.

**Janet Clarke:** over the last year we have determined a clear vision for the club which we did not have prior. Marketing resources can be directed, clear priorities and a clear message to send out. We will ensure that we have professional guidance to help us and make sure that we do this correctly and follow a robust process.

**Dave Hyland:** Prior Boards before us had different mindsets, we wanted to tidy up our backyard first, listen to our members to create a vision and then look to the future.
- Brittany Teei:** Introduced herself as a previous Caro Bowl player for the club – won 7 times – Thanked the Board and Dave Hyland for his service to the club and allowing the initiatives to happen on Saturdays. Thanks to the members. This is her first AGM, and she expressed her keenness to contribute to the club. Wanted to make a point about the strategic vision and utilisation of the facilities, especially tennis. Wanted to make sure that women’s tennis is in the plan as it seems that the number of women in tennis are dwindling not just at RRC but also as a general in tennis at the moment. She offered her support to build women’s tennis at the club in any way needed. She also thanked Aileen for her support.

There being no more general business, Janet concluded the meeting by thanking all members and formally closed the meeting at 8:42pm.

# Around The Club:



**Tennis**



**Squash**



**Pilates**



**Swimming Pool**



**Gym**



**Bar & Lounge**



**Racket Academy Pro Shop**







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