



# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the year ended 31 August 2024

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024**  
To be held at the Club, 11am

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

VOTING HOURS:  
Friday, 29th November, 4-6pm Saturday, 30th November 10am-6pm

Online Voting Sunday 24th November 2pm to Friday 29th November, 12pm



# ANNUAL REPORT



UPPER HUTT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB INCORPORATED  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 11am

## AGENDA

- Apologies and Obituaries
- Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, November 26, 2023
- Minutes of Special General Meeting held on Sunday, 26th May 2024
- President's Report and Matters Arising
- General Managers Report and Matters Arising
- Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2024 and Matters Arising
- Election of Auditor, if required
- Notices of Motion
- General Business

## OFFICERS OF THE CLUB 2024

President: D MACDONALD

Vice President: G MAY

Treasurer: B LYNCH

Trustees: J DILLON, D DALTON

## EXECUTIVE:

R AYLING, S LAMBERT JP, S LEITCH, M. DIXON, P O'RILEY, G PALMER, M SOUTON, S THOMAS

Immediate Past President: G BANNATYNE

General Manager: L BEIGHTON JP

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

TD ARMSTRONG\*, C SPROTT\*, GS GREGORY\*,

J COMESKEY\*, R JENKINS\*, FR DICKSON, J WEBLING\*,

RD CHRISTIE\*, V KNAPP\*, R SMYLLIE, JR DUFFY\*, BCJ HAWKINS\*,

IC DALE, LB GRANT\*, AJ DUDLEY\*, GS BECKETT\*, AEM RUNCIMAN\*,

F KELLY\*, AP NEEDHAM, C GETHING, RH BENNETT\*,

K CUNNINGHAM\*, P WHITE\*, J DILLON, D MACDONALD, D DALTON, S WHITE\*,

W HENSHAW\*, K GETHING, C CLAYTON, C CARSON, D CANDY, D KEY

\*Deceased

Club Auditor: Grant Thornton, New Zealand Audit Partnership

Bank: ASB Bank Limited

Insurance Brokers: Thorner Financial Services Ltd

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As we reflect on 2024, it is clear that this has been a year of significant change and challenge for the Club. Despite the tough financial landscape, we've emerged stronger with some very positive results to show for our efforts.

This year has seen both operational adjustments and financial hurdles, but through careful management and the support of our members, staff, and Board, we have not only navigated these obstacles but are well-positioned for a brighter future.

The resilience and adaptability shown by all involved have been truly commendable, and I am proud to report on what has been a successful year in many respects.

At the start of the year, we welcomed our new manager, Lisa Beighton, and with a fresh perspective, we gained a clearer understanding of the significant financial challenges the club was facing. I want to acknowledge her leadership which has been instrumental in guiding us through these complex times.

In February, we conducted a comprehensive member survey, receiving an impressive 1,704 responses. This feedback provided invaluable insight into how you, our members, were feeling and where you saw room for improvement. Many changes have already been made in response to this feedback, with more on the horizon.

As the saying goes, "change is good," and we viewed this moment as a rare opportunity for a reset. It's a chance to return to basics and refocus on ensuring that our membership remains at the heart of everything we do. To achieve this, stabilising the club's finances was the first step, and I'm pleased to report that we are well on our way.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Board for their steadfast support over the past two years. These have arguably been two of the most challenging years, as we've navigated a large and complex business while striving to support our members through difficult times.

To you, our members—let me be clear, the Board and the staff are only half of the equation. Their role is to provide a welcoming venue, cold drinks, and great food. But it's your role to set the culture and fill the seats. It's up to you to create the vibrant atmosphere that keeps the club thriving.

That said, this past year, we've had to contend with several membership issues that have been unfortunate distractions. Despite these challenges, the results we've achieved are remarkable. Moving forward, if we can extend this reset to the entire membership—embracing a positive mindset and renewed energy—I have no doubt that the club will once again be unstoppable.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED

As many of you are aware, I've recently faced some health challenges, and for that reason, I've decided not to stand for President again at this time. However, my commitment to the club remains unwavering, and I fully support the incoming committee.

We also have three Committee Members that are not standing for the committee again, Rachael Ayling (2yrs), Steve Leitch (15yrs), & Mark Southon (21 years), and a combined service of 38 years, on behalf of the members thank you for everything you have done. Your efforts are firmly embedded in the very fabric that makes up the club today.

Lastly, I want to thank my wife Jill, my fellow committee members, and our dedicated staff for their unwavering support. But most importantly, I want to thank you, the members. The Upper Hutt community is truly enriched by the Cossie, and without your involvement and passion, none of this would be possible.

Thank you all.

Don MacDonald  
President



**MELBOURNE CUP DAY 2024, THE CLUB WAS LOOKING SMART & THE MEMBERS EVEN SMARTER!**



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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

What a journey it's been! The past 11 months have flown by, and it's been quite a ride. We've faced some significant financial challenges, but through hard work and perseverance, we've achieved some excellent results. Some of my highlights:

- We haven't had to use our overdraft facility in six months and although the overdraft was increased, we've since reduced it again, the plan is to be in the position to remove it completely in 2025 if we haven't had to dip into it again.
- All our invoices are now paid by the 20th of each month, it is never ideal to have to pick and choose the who to pay on-time especially our smaller creditors who rely on the payments for their own cashflow so it was important to us to get this sorted quickly.
- We've managed to pay off \$229,232 from our loan. As a club, it is not a bad thing to have a loan, but at the same time it is always pleasing to see the numbers reduce and as it does, we get to then think about what we want/need to start planning next.
- And importantly, we've resumed small grants to our adjuncts, which is fantastic news and has been well received.

To fully understand how significant these achievements are it is important to compare this year with how we performed financially in 2023. Some key differences:

1. **Revenue:** While our revenue in 2024 was slightly lower (down by \$102,585), we made up for it in other areas. This is not isolated to us, the hospitality sector in general has been struggling as the recession settled in. Hopefully this will improve in the coming months.
2. **Cost of Goods Sold:** We cut back significantly on our expenses, saving nearly half a million dollars! I am proud of the team for looking at everything they do and looking for savings and efficiencies across everything we do.
3. **Gross Profit:** Despite the dip in revenue, we actually improved our gross profit by \$397,031.
4. **Losses:** The good news is we reduced our annual loss by \$59,968.
5. **Adjustments:** In the graphic at the end of my report we've made some adjustments to reflect our true operational activities—removing things like charity events and the one-off sale of the Otaki Property, which had a significant impact in 2023.

The adjustments show, we moved from a substantial loss in 2023 to a small profit of \$13,902 in 2024, and when we factor in the cost increases in 2024 (such as cleaning, insurance, and electricity), the adjusted profit would be \$133,913, marking an improvement of about \$480,176 over the previous year.

I understand that not all of the decisions we've made have been universally popular, but the financial turnaround we're seeing proves that we're on the right track. We've put a lot of focus on reducing costs and making the club a better place for all of us.

Listening to you, our members, has been a priority, and we've been doing what I like to call "housekeeping"—getting back to basics to ensure the club is more member-centric. We want this to be a place you love and are proud to bring your family & friends to.

There's also been a lot of catching up on maintenance, and I'm happy to report that our exterior lighting has been repaired, making the carpark feel safer for everyone.

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED

But we're only just getting started. We've got exciting plans in the pipeline, like revamping the bar snack options. We're aiming to introduce a new bar snack offering to help reduce waiting times and provide faster service during busy periods. It won't be a return to the café days some of you remember, but rather a smart, efficient solution to improve what we're currently offering.

We're also working on improving our communication with members and finding more ways to add value to your membership.

We've had some staff changes, with Juan, our Food & Beverage Manager moving to Australia. This gave us the opportunity to review our structure and make some changes to ensure that member facing roles have the autonomy to resolve issues and make improvements more efficiently. We're also committed to providing career pathways for our staff, which helps support the local community as well.

I know some of you might be wondering why you don't see me around the club as much as you'd like. I want to apologise if it seems like I'm not as visible. The truth is, since arriving, I've been deeply focused on tackling the challenges we've been facing. There's also the matter of me living on the other side of the hill, which means a 40-minute commute each way. While I know some of you were used to my predecessors being more present after hours, I unfortunately don't have that same luxury. But I'm here—please feel free to make an appointment, give me a wave, or have a chat when you see me. I'm always happy to connect, though I admit I'm a bit shy and don't always know how I'll be received when I approach.

In summary, I'm really enjoying my time at the Cossie. The challenges may have been bigger than expected, but with the support of the staff, the Board, and you, the members, we've made tremendous progress. I'm excited for what's ahead, and I look forward to another successful year together.



Lisa Beighton JP  
General Manager

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED



## 2023 -2024 Comparison

Detail:	2023-2024	2022-2023	Notes:
Trading Revenue	7,373,415	7,476,000	\$102,585 reduction in revenue in 2024
Cost of Goods Sold	4,327,040	4,826,656	\$499,616 reduction in cost of goods sold in 2024
Gross Profit	3,046,375	2,649,344	\$397,031 increase in gross profit in 2024
Other Income	476,171	813,711	Other Income includes some non operational \$, see adjustments below.
Total Expenses	3,548,274	3,548,784	Total expenses appear similar although do not take into account price increases in many areas.
Loss for the Year	-25,728	-85,696	Bottom line \$59,968 better off in 2024.
Adjustments:			Adjustments:
Remove Net Adjunct Transactions	-525	25,245	Adjunct Transactions removed to show operational movements only.
Remove Net Charity of the Year Transactions	40,155	-40,156	Charity of the year transactions emoved to show operational movements only.
Remove Govt Grant	0	-16,790	Covid grant included in other Income in 2023.
Remove Net Otaki Property Transactions	0	-228,866	Net Revenue from sale of Otaki Property included in 2023
Total Adjustments	39,630	-260,567	
Adjusted Result for the Year after adjustments	13,902	-346,263	Overall Improvement of \$360,165 for 2024
Less: Increase in expenses in 2024 year	120,011		
Result after adjusting for *expense increases 23/24	133,913	-346,263	Taking into account the increased costs the difference is an improvement of \$480,176

**Notes:**

\* During the 2024 financial year, costs increases include:

Cost Centre	2024	2023	Increase of:
☹️ Cleaning Contractor	109,594	92,743	16,851
☹️ Insurance	202,673	170,361	32,312
☹️ Electricity	151,893	91,019	60,844
☹️ Rates	99,036	89,032	10,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,469,248</b>	<b>1,253,142</b>	<b>120,011</b>

Lets measure apples with apples, if we remove the cost increases (left) to be comparable with the previous year the loss becomes a \$133,912 profit, without taking into account other increases such as cost of food, wages etc.

This would represent an improvement of \$480,209\* over the previous year.



# MINUTES FROM THE 2023 AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE UPPER HUTT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB INCORPORATED

HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS ON 26th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11.00AM

## 1. WELCOME

Don MacDonald, President opened the meeting and asked for a minute's silence to remember the members who passed in the past twelve months.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Sid Bourne, Rachael Ayling, Colin DeCleene. Julie Gillett, Jack Oran, Odette Howard, Mark Southon.

**MOVED:** Don MacDonald, **SECONDED:** John Dillon that the apologies be accepted.  
**CARRIED**

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

**MOVED:** Dave Dalton, **SECONDED:** Shelagh Thomas that the meeting minutes of the AGM held on the 27th November 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

### Matters Arising.

Ross Ryan member 1494 asked why the minutes of the Executive Meetings were not available. Don MacDonald replied they would be available at reception.

Susan Duffy, member 6566 asked if the minutes could be put online. Don MacDonald advised they could be emailed.

Mark Armstrong, member 7803 advised that he was concerned that Alan Runciman passing was not advised to the members of the club. Don MacDonald advised that although he was not sure of the details of this time, but we are guided by the families of the passed and they would first need to give permission.

## 4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The report from Don MacDonald, President be was taken as read.

**MOVED:** Grayson May, **SECONDED:** John Dillon that the Presidents report be approved.  
**CARRIED**

## 5. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Grant Gaskin presented a power point of the progress in the club over the past year and what is envisaged for 2023-24 financial year.

**MOVED** John Winter, **Seconded** Grayson May that the General Managers report be approved. **CARRIED**

Dick Smylie Member 1046 Advised there needs to be able to reduce debt and get some money in the bank.

Ross Ryan, member 8494 advised that he saw the adjunct mezzanine floor as a good idea but suggested using the old restaurant area.

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# MINUTES FROM THE 2023 AGM CONTINUED

Gary Stokes, member 1186 suggested using the function room as an outlet for the club with direct access to the street and get young people in.

Ray Marriott, member 1617 advised we should stop selling assets such as Tora and Otaki.

## 6. TREASURERS REPORT

Chris Carson commented on the overall result of the year with an \$85,696 loss which was below budget. Debt has been reduced over the year with the amount of \$138,000 for Savage Crescent land paid as well as the floating portion of the bank debt incurred for Arcadia has been paid back, \$758,000. The objective of 2023-24 is to pay off the remaining debt.

There will be some cash flow issues in the first half of 2023-24 which should improve as the year goes by.

**MOVED** Chris Carson, **SECONDED** Don MacDonald that the Treasurers Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st August 2023 be adopted. **CARRIED**

### Matters Arising:

Tom Cormack, member 6345 asked regarding food cost. Grant Gaskin advised there was a change in reporting and showed a more accurate way of allocating food cost.

Ray Marriott, member 1617 asked why there was a loss of \$127,000 in functions. Chris Carson replied with the allocation of costs to that area.

Chris Carson noted the 'Statement of Service' that has been included in the report for the first time which is now a requirement of the audit.

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

**MOVED** Chris Carson, **SECONDED** John Dillon that Grant Thornton be appointed as Auditors for the year ending 31 August 2024. **CARRIED**

## 8. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

President: Don MacDonald, Glyn Palmer, Paul O'Riley

Vice President: Grayson May

Treasurer: Chris Carson, Brian Lynch

Committee: Tom Cormack, Murray Dixon, Paul Lambert, Stephanie Lambert, Stephen Leitch, Andy MacDonald, Ray Marriott, Shelagh Thomas, Don MacDonald, Brian Lynch, Rachael Ayling (Apology), Paul O'Riley, Glyn Palmer, Mark Southon (Apology), Martin Thompson

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# MINUTES FROM THE 2023 AGM CONTINUED

## 9. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS FOR ELECTIONS

**MOVED** Don MacDonald, **SECONDED** Dave Dalton that John Dillon is the returning officer  
**CARRIED**

John Dillon introduced the team of scrutineers. Mick Pendlebury, Kevin Laracy, Allen Whiteman, Trish Gibson, Kris Gething, Colin Cowden. Dave Dalton, John Winter, Bruce Hewitt, Brent Morton, Peter Montgomerie.

**MOVED** John Dillon, **SECONDED** Glyn Palmer that the scrutineers for the 2023-24 elections be approved. **CARRIED**

## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

### Amendment to rule 10

**MOVED** Chris Carson, **Seconded** Don MacDonald that Rule 10 be amended to

1. Amend Rule 10(b) by deleting the word 'occupation' and inserting 'gender'.
2. Amend Rule 10(d) by deleting the last sentence; "all candidates shall be notified of the result by management".
3. Amend Rule 10(g) by deleting: "election of candidates" and substitute "processing the duly signed and nominated form".
4. Delete Rule 10(h)
5. Renumber Rule 10(g) to become Rules 10(c) and renumber Rule 10(J) to Rules 10(d) to Rule 10(i). **CARRIED**

Stephanie Lambert, member 6576 asked why include gender. Chris Carson replied for direct marketing purposes.

Trish Gibson. Member 2455 asked if this would lead to other changes for example gender neutral toilets. Chris Carson replied there was no such plans.

Colin Gething, member 1175 commented that Taupo was doing this instant membership already.

## 11. Remit - Alteration to Rule 17a (Executive Committee)

The proposal proposed by Geoff Brown, member 1840 and seconded by Dave King member 2930 was.

Rule 17

Clause (a) to read. "The governance and control of the club shall be conducted by an Executive Committee comprising:

- (i) A President
- (ii) A Vice President
- (iii) Two (2) Trustees and
- (iv) Eight (8) Committee members."

Geoff Brown spoke to that and after consultation he withdrew the remit. He asked for a review of the role of the Treasurer which was agreed to by the Trustees.

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# MINUTES FROM THE 2023 AGM CONTINUED

## 12. Remit - Addition to Rule 17 - (Executive Committee)

The proposal proposed by Dave King, member 2930 and seconded by Geoff Brown, member 1840 was.

Rule 17 (L) to read,

The Executive Committee comprising of the President, Vice President, two (2) Trustees and eight (8) committee members shall receive not more than \$30.00 inclusive of GST in any one month as remuneration. The President may also receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$100.00 inclusive of GST per month. The Vice-President may also receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$50.00 inclusive of GST per month. Management collectively may receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$50.00 inclusive of GST per month.

Dave King member 2930 advised that they wanted the money to be spent in the club.

Geoff Brown member 1840 said that the amount that would be saved is \$750,000 over five years.

Phil Clarkson member 2591 asked how much the remuneration was. Chris Carson advised it was \$53,000 per annum which was paid less tax as an income as per the rules.

Glyn Palmer member 1430 advised that as a committee member the money was placed on his membership card and used within the club.

Shelagh Thomas member 8521 advised as a committee member the money was placed on her membership card and spent within the club.

Murray Dixon member 6254 advised he was against the remit as it shows a lack of respect for the work that the executive committee members did.

Lyn Booker member 2382 advised that she perceived this as a bar tab which could be used in the future.

John Dillion member 1240 advised there was a considerable amount of work that the committee members do and this is a small compensation for that.

Kris Gething member 3877 disagreed with the way the remit was written but agreed with the principle of it.

Ross Ryan member 8494 was ok with the amount currently as spent on drinks.

Chris Carson pointed out that the last sentence regarding management could not be enforced as it is in employment contracts and that the Treasurer title was not included positions listed in the remit.

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# MINUTES FROM THE 2023 AGM CONTINUED

Dave King member 2930 amended the remit to remove the last sentence and it now reads.

Rule 17 (L) to read,

The Executive Committee comprising of the President, Vice President, two (2) Trustees and eight (8) committee members shall receive not more than \$30.00 inclusive of GST in any one month as remuneration. The President may also receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$100.00 inclusive of GST per month. The Vice-President may also receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$50.00 inclusive of GST per month.

**MOVED** Dave King, **SECONDED** Geoff Brown

Dave King further amended the remit to include the position of Treasurer and it now reads:

Rule 17 (L) to read,

The Executive Committee comprising of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, two (2) Trustees and eight (8) committee members shall receive not more than \$30.00 inclusive of GST in any one month as remuneration. The President may also receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$100.00 inclusive of GST per month. The Vice-President may also receive a Club Hospitality Card not exceeding \$50.00 inclusive of GST per month.

Moved Brian Kirkwood member 1327, Seconded Geoff Brown member 1840 that amendments to rule 17 (L) be accepted. **CARRIED** 72 votes for, 46 votes against.

## **13. Remit - Addition to Rule 18 - Executive Committee Duties and Powers.**

The proposal made by Geoff Brown member 1840 and seconded by Tom Cormack member 4345 was.

Rule 18

Clause 'K' to read: "Any plan for a Club Asset valued at \$150,000 or more, that is proposed to be disposed of, a new addition (new build), upgraded or sold must first be presented to and approved by a majority of 51% of members in attendance at either an AGM or a special AGM called for that purpose.

Further, the total value of such expenditure shall not be divided into lesser amounts to avoid members approval."

**MOVED** Geoff Brown member 1840, **SECONDED** Tom Cormack member 4345 that the addition to Rule 18 be approved **CARRIED**

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Tom Cormack member 4345 mentioned there was no mention in the minutes of the last AGM that Denis Key was made a life member.

**Don MacDonald closed the meeting at 12:35pm**

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# MINUTES FROM THE 2024 SGM

Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Incorporated Society held in the Club Rooms  
26th May 2024 at 11am

APOLOGIES: Rachel Ayling (1496), Kay Southon (6007)

The President Mr Don MacDonald (1450) presided over a meeting of approximately 190 members.

Don MacDonald opened the Meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Executive had been reviewing all aspects of the club's membership and operations with a view to get the club back on its feet after the past few years post covid economic environment. Don then explained that the sole purpose of this meeting was to obtain member approval to amend the annual fees payable by members.

It was MOVED Murray Dixon (6254) SECONDED Glyn Palmer (1430) "That the membership dues of \$36.00 for full members and \$12.00 for Senior members be replaced with \$40.00 for full membership and \$25.00 for Senior membership."

Murray presented the Executives reasons for the need for change, it was noted that the current fee structure had been in place for 18 years without any changes and with the changing demographic there is now a need to increase the fees, the failure to review them in the past has meant that the increase needed is much bigger than may have otherwise been.

Lynn Booker (7749) agrees that the amount of the subscription is ok however considers that the difference between the subscription increases of standard to senior Membership is too high and is essentially penalising senior Membership. Offered some alternative suggestions, i.e. Life Members paying a subscription and moving the age from 60 to 65.

Joan Foley (4271) asked why it has taken so long to address and why changes hadn't been made earlier. Asked if we had looked at ways to increase revenue from outside area or making the increase apply to new members and leaving current members at existing rates.

Phillip Hone (7249) asked if and what consideration was given to moving the age from 60 to 65?

Vivienne Forster (8652) suggested all overheads need to be looked at.

Gary Kirkland (1460) asked whether the Executive had considered the backlash from members who were big drinkers in the club and were opposed to the change.

Martin Purdy (3534) mentioned the inflation rate on the subs set 18 years ago would now be a difference of 55% and asked what we are doing to attract new members and bring new members in.

Loretta Martin (5210) concerned that the club is not feeling like a family, does not feel there is value for the fee and lacks community. Staff etc has changed the feeling and people are not hearing about the club. We need to be looking after our seniors as the club is an important social connection for them.

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# MINUTES FROM THE 2024 SGM CONTINUED

Patricia Burgess (3900) Strongly, opposes the remit and is concerned that all members were not notified.

Ray Marriott (1617) Said he was not happy with the language used in the supporting information supplied by the Executive, feels that it is insulting to seniors. Suggests that the age bracket should move to 65 and Executive should review what they are doing with the funds, i.e. the membership draw. Suggests it should be reduced.

Geoff Brown (1840) supports the remit although has other suggestions regarding ways the club can better its financial position.

Rob Logie (2218) Supports the remit, the Executive is trying to move the Club forward.

Glynn Palmer (1430) Remit Secunder: Supports the remit and suggests that to avoid this situation going forward, the fees should be reviewed at each AGM. He also assured members that the Executive were looking at all aspects of and some suggestions that had been put the meeting were already in place such as two-tier pricing so that non-members using the club paid more that sub paying members.

Murray Dixon (6254) Right of Reply: Urged members to consider what value they put on their membership and the future of the club. He also urged anyone who may struggle with the change to reach out (in confidence).

Don MacDonald put the motion to the meeting:

It was MOVED Murray Dixon (6254) SECONDED Glyn Palmer (1430) "That the membership dues of \$36.00 for full members and \$12.00 for senior members be replaced with \$40.00 for full membership and \$25.00 for senior membership." With a show of hands being close, it was decided to put it to a secret ballot.

Don MacDonald asked for scrutineers from the floor.

Abstained:

Don MacDonald (1450) President, Life Member

Dave Dalton (1246) Trustee, Life Member

John Dillon (1257) Trustee, Life Member

Lisa Beighton (3389) General Manager

Returning Officer: John Dillon (1257) Trustee, Life Member

Scrutineers:

Rob Logie (2218) Member

Jim Poole (14408) Member

Results of the voting: For 108, Against 78 - Motion Carried.

Don MacDonald thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.01pm

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# TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

First off, I would like to acknowledge that this has been a very trying and difficult year for the club, despite that, with your support we have managed to get some positive results and a big thank you must go to all the staff, executive and the members, who have supported us in the last twelve months.

Given where we were in the early part of the year, the finances required careful management and to assist with this the budget was revised in January 2024 to reflect the current climate of New Zealand.

Now for some official stuff from me: The audited summary financial statements for the 2023/24 are set out on pages 16 to 20 of the annual report, and the unqualified audit report is on pages 21 to 22. The detailed 2023/24 financial statements upon which the summary financial statements are derived, are available on request from the Club's General Manager or at the Club's reception.

The club had a revised budget for a net deficit of \$187,875 for the year ended 31 August 2024. The audited results show a net deficit of \$25,728.

Total Trading revenue from exchange transactions for 2023/24 was \$7,373,415. This was made up of the following: Bar and off Sales \$2,041,569, Arcadia \$1,112,182, Functions \$340,324, Gaming Machines \$3,546,289 Raffles \$195,785, TAB \$14,560, Housie \$114,621 and Other Trading Revenue \$8,086

Cost of Goods Sold and Direct Expenses for 2023/24 was \$4,327,040. This was made up of the following: Bar and off Sales \$1,304,465, Restaurant, Café, Barista and Functions \$30,746, Arcadia \$1,242,841, Functions \$293,796, Gaming Machines \$1,243,401, Raffles \$115,477, TAB \$27,966, Housie \$63,961 and Other Trading Expenses \$4,387

We have had to meet increases in most of our operating expenses, these include rates, water, power & gas, as well as Insurance, just the same as any household in New Zealand.

Cashflow was carefully managed during this financial year and after an initial increase to the overdraft facility in February, all payments to creditors are now being made on time. At year end, we are pleased to say that the club's bank balance is positive, and we have not needed to draw on our overdraft facility for a the last few months.

We have reduced the loan by another \$229,232 and we hope to be in a position to reduce it again before the end of this financial year.

Another area of focus has been to ensure we are getting the best possible price for the supplies and we have been able to negotiate some of these expense contracts favourably.

Bepoz and Restoke systems have helped to track inventory and provide further insight into cost and possible saving the club has and will be able to make.

The club has budgeted for a loss again in 2024/25 financial year, but with good trading winds and tight control of expenses and your continued support, we hope to revise this to show a budgeted profit in March 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the accounts, it would be appreciated if you could send them to us prior to the AGM via [generalmanager@cossieclubs.org.nz](mailto:generalmanager@cossieclubs.org.nz).



Brian Lynch,  
Treasurer

# DONATIONS AND GRANTS 2023/24

<b>Upper Hutt RSA</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>College Sport Wellington</b>	<b>\$14,409</b>





# 2023/24 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Summary Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Inc  
For the year ended 31 August 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
<b>Gross Profit from Trading</b>			
Trading Revenue from exchange transactions		7,373,415	7,476,000
Cost of Goods Sold and Direct Expenses		(4,327,040)	(4,826,656)
<b>Total Gross Profit from Trading</b>		<b>3,046,376</b>	<b>2,649,345</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Revenue from exchange transactions		209,991	408,862
Revenue from non-exchange transactions		266,180	404,882
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>476,171</b>	<b>813,744</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>3,522,547</b>	<b>3,463,089</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses from exchange transactions</b>			
Administration Expenses		988,000	915,718
Bank Charges and Interest		122,869	154,871
Cleaning		158,052	150,794
Depreciation		519,085	481,253
Entertainment		157,089	166,499
Insurance		202,673	170,361
Power and Heat		196,088	130,885
Rates		116,722	102,023
Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements		115,769	115,582
Vehicle (Courtesy Coach Expenses)		126,251	150,298
Other Expenses		491,631	589,234
<b>Total Less Operating Expenses from exchange transactions</b>		<b>3,194,230</b>	<b>3,127,518</b>
<b>Plus Expenses from non-exchange transactions</b>			
Plus Expenses from non-exchange transactions		354,045	421,267
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>3,548,275</b>	<b>3,548,785</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>(25,728)</b>	<b>(85,696)</b>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached Notes to the Financial Statements and Audit Report



## Summary Statement of Financial Position

Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Inc  
As at 31 August 2024

	NOTES	31 AUG 2024	31 AUG 2023
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets		1,516,498	1,138,845
Non-Current Assets		15,371,108	16,006,897
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>16,887,606</b>	<b>17,145,743</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities		1,237,559	1,221,388
Non-Current Liabilities		849,088	1,097,668
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>2,086,647</b>	<b>2,319,056</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>14,800,959</b>	<b>14,826,687</b>
<b>Net Assets/Equity</b>			
Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expenses		14,288,159	14,567,895
Reserves		512,800	258,792
<b>Total Net Assets/Equity</b>		<b>14,800,959</b>	<b>14,826,687</b>

## Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity

Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Inc  
For the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Net Assets/Equity</b>		
Opening Balance	14,826,687	14,912,383
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the period	(25,728)	(85,696)
<b>Total Net Assets/Equity</b>	<b>14,800,959</b>	<b>14,826,687</b>

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# Summary Statement of Cash Flows

## Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Summary of Cash Flows</b>		
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	719,318	136,197
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	(102,325)	346,248
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	(229,232)	(827,045)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the year	387,761	(344,600)
	2024	2023

### Movements in cash and cash equivalents

Movements in cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	848,582	1,193,182
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the year	387,761	(344,600)
Balance of cash and cash equivalents held at year end	1,236,343	848,582

# Statement of Service Performance

## Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2024

### Our Outcome

The Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated is a community focused organisation providing a place for social opportunities in a safe environment. This objective is achieved by not only providing good value food and beverage offerings, but also a broad range of entertainment as well as an array of adjuncts to form a structure for members to interact with each other.

	ACTUAL - 2024	BUDGETED - 2024	ACTUAL - 2023	BUDGETED - 2023
<b>Description and Quantification of the Entity's Key Activities</b>				
Number of members	6,291	7,000	6,351	7,000
Number of adjuncts	19	19	19	20
Number of Clubs NZ tournaments hosted	1	-	4	-
Number of housie events held	117	117	117	-
Number of ticketed events held	25	-	40	-
Value of complementary entertainment provided	45,566	73,624	37,614	80,004
Value of membership draws paid	57,000	57,000	55,000	78,000
Charity of the year - Amount of funds raised	58,164	-	90,156	-
Charity of the year - Amount of donations paid	63,495	-	50,000	-
Grants and Sponsorships paid during the year	29,163	67,160	24,653	10,000
Gaming machine funds applied to Club operating expenditure	1,855,450	2,140,698	1,878,190	2,200,795

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# Notes to the Summary Financial Statements

## Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Inc For the year ended 31 August 2024

The Club's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity international Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PBE IPSAS") and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate that have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-For-Profit entities. For the purposes of complying with NZ GAAP, the Club is a public benefit not-for-profit entity and is eligible to apply Tier 2 Not For-Profit PBE IPSAS on the basis that it does not have public accountability and is not defined as large.

The Executive Committee has elected to report in accordance with Tier 2 Not-For-Profit PBE Accounting Standards and in doing so has taken advantage of all applicable Reduced Disclosure Regime ("RDR") disclosure concessions.

Because of their summary nature, these Financial Statements cannot provide a full understanding of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows for the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated. This understanding can only be obtained by reference to the Annual Financial Statements.

### 1. Basis of Preparation

These Summary Financial Statements are extracts from the Annual Financial Statements of the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated, an incorporated society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The Financial Statements cover a 12 monthly period ended 31 August 2024 were authorised for issue on 4th November 2024 and have been prepared using the principal of the Public Benefit Entity Financial Reporting Standard 43 Summary Financial Statements (PBE FRS 43) issued by the External Reporting Board.

### 2. Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

### 3. Nature of Audit Opinion

The Annual Financial Statements of the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated have been audited by Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Limited, who have issued an unqualified audit opinion in respect of them.

### 4. Term Debt

Loans are secured by way of a registered mortgage over the present and after acquired assets of the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated. All loans are financed by the ASB Bank Limited.

### 5. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments contracted for but not yet incurred at balance date (2023: \$0)

### 6. Contingent Liabilities

The Club is not aware of any other contingent liabilities as at 31 August 2024 not otherwise provided for in the Annual Financial Statements. Last year - \$48,906 reinstatement of loyalty points written off in change over from UnTill to BePoz software).



Notes to the Summary Financial Statements

**7. Approval**

The Executive Committee of the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated authorised the publication of these Summary Financial Statements and the Annual Financial Statements on the 4th November 2024.

Approved on behalf of the Executive Committee:



D Macdonald  
President



B Lynch  
Treasurer

A copy of the Annual Financial Statements can be requested from:

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# AUDITORS REPORT



## Report of the Independent Auditor on the summary financial statements

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To the Members of Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated

### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 August 2024, the summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year ended, statement of service performance for the year then ended and related notes, are derived from the audited financial report of Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated for the year ended 31 August 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report, in accordance with FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements* issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, on the basis described in the notes to the summary financial statements.

### Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standard (PBE IPSAS). Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

### The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 06 November 2024.

### Other information than the Summary Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Executive Committee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report (but does not include the summary financial statements and our auditor's report thereon), which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the summary financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the summary financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the summary financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and will request that such matters are addressed.

### Members' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Executive Committee are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements of Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements*.



#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interest in, Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated.

#### Restricted Use

This report is made solely to the Club's Members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Club Members, as a body, those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Club and the Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinion we have formed.

**Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Limited**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grant Thornton".

**B. Kennerley**

**Partner**

**Wellington**

**06 November 2024**

# RSA REPORT



Time for us to reflect on the last 12 months.

We had a very successful Poppy Week and Poppy Day in April last year and the Anzac Day dawn service was very well attended, including Labour Leader Chris Hipkins who came back to the Cossie Club for breakfast. Thank you to those Poppy Day volunteers.

We have Rest home visits with Denis and his assistants carrying these out monthly.

Our Friday meat raffles are well supported as this is a major fund raiser for the RSA, thank you to all who support this. The Ode is recited in the function room every Friday at 6.00pm, all are welcome.

I would like to thank the Cossie Club management and staff for their support throughout the year.

We also assist the Cossie Club welfare using the RSA van to transport members to Wellington and Lower Hutt hospitals as required. If you need this assistance it can be organised at reception.

Along with Wellington RSA we are also involved with Trentham Camp welfare in supporting the Trentham Camp Hub where we give support and assistance to servicemen, women and their families within Trentham Camp. Hubs also operate in Burnham Camp and Linton Camp with assistance from the RSA's in those areas.

Lest We Forget

Mick Pendlebury  
President



# ADJUNCT REPORTS 23/24

## COSSIE RIDERS 2024

What a year it has been. Earlier this year we went on our annual weekend away trip to Taupo with lots of laughter and fun. Next away trip is February where we will be traveling through the Forgotten Highway which will be a blast with over 25 of us cruising up there for a 3 day trip.

During the year our club have gathered for dozens of days trips throughout the Lower North Island meeting lots of great new people.

With our membership and attendances steadily increasing to over 60 active members now the Cossie Riders are becoming a strong adjunct.

Many more rides planned in the near future including a Poker Run. Also, a big Christmas lunch at the Cossie Club in December which will be a great day of fun and laughter.

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# CRAFT BEER 2024

## ACraft Beer Club - 2024 Annual Report

What a year it's been for our craft beer adjunct at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club! We kicked things off in January with a visit from Kereru Brewing, the OG Upper Hutt brewery. Chris Mills, head brewer and owner, has been a longstanding supporter of our adjunct and played a crucial role in getting it off the ground as one of its founding members. It's always a pleasure to have him join us.

Throughout the year, we've been lucky to host some incredible breweries. DNA not only shared their brews with us but also made kind donations that will be raffled off at our annual December charity event. Beer Engine came with their portable hand pull station, adding an extra touch of tradition to the night. We also welcomed Roots, Southpaw, Mean Doses, Northend, and Heyday, each bringing something unique to our lineup.

One of the highlights of the year was our first-ever "Beers of the World" night, presented by the talented beer author Denise Garland. It was a fantastic evening, and due to its success, we're looking forward to making it a regular event on our calendar.

On the committee side, we said farewell to Phil Hone, who has been a valued member of our team. We're excited to bring in fresh energy with a new member joining soon.

Looking ahead, we've got some exciting events lined up. October brings our much-anticipated NZ Brewer's Fest and our annual Fine Dining night, this time catered by our very own Cossie Club team. We're eager to see what Duane and his crew have in store for us. November will see our AGM, followed by our December charity night, which this year will support Kickstart, an incredible organization helping young people in the Upper Hutt community. I'm personally connected to this cause, and I know it will resonate with many of our members as well.

Financially, we've faced some challenges this year with rising costs and tighter restrictions on grants, which has made things tougher than usual. However, the rest of the committee and I remain committed to delivering amazing monthly events, and we're confident the support of our members will help us keep pushing forward.

Here's to another year of great beer, great company, and great events. Cheers to the next twelve months!

Evan (Craft Beer Club Chairman)

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# FISHING

This year has once again been quite challenging due to unpredictable weather conditions, particularly the disruptive southerly winds that have impacted many of our fishing activities. Despite these setbacks, our dedicated members braved the adverse conditions, and on occasion, managed to return with a reasonable catch.

On a more positive note, our boat Cosmo has performed admirably in all conditions, offering members extended time on the water, even when the weather turned rough. Our trusty Wynder Up continues to impress, especially with its efficient 4-stroke motor, which not only boosts performance but also helps to mitigate rising petrol costs.

This year, we also invested in a full rewire of Wynder Up's trailer, replaced its wheel bearings, and made other necessary upgrades. Additionally, we installed a new GPS/Fish finder, as the previous one had served us well for 25 years had become unreliable. Many thanks to the members who volunteered their time and skills to carry out these upgrades, saving the adjunct a considerable amount in labour costs.

This year, we once again participated in the Colin Boote Memorial Challenge with the Castlepoint Fishing Club, in honour of our esteemed former member. The event took place over the ANZAC weekend and was set for two days of fishing.

## Day 1

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate, and the boats were unable to get out to sea. Some members tried their luck with surfcasting, but the challenging conditions didn't yield great results. However, we made the best of the day, with some of our members issuing a golfing challenge, which we won by default as the opposition didn't show up.

## Day 2

The second day was much more promising, with calmer winds and better conditions. Our smaller boats opted to fish inshore, targeting snapper, gurnard, and other species, while Cosmo ventured further offshore to the larger reefs. All of our boats had success, bringing in a wide variety of fish, including terakihi, trumpeter, kingfish, and blue cod. However, with the opposition's larger fleet and local knowledge, the numbers game ultimately worked against us. While we had to hand over the trophy once again, the competition was much closer than in previous years. It was still a fantastic weekend, full of camaraderie and, as always, a few fishy tales were shared.

Our meeting nights throughout the year have been well-attended, with members sharing stories and tips from their fishing adventures. We've also been fortunate to have generous raffle donations from our members, which have added a fun element to our gatherings. Special thanks to Owen Johnson for his informative sessions on fish filleting techniques and knife sharpening, which have been a highlight.

Like many, we've faced financial challenges this year, but I want to extend my gratitude to all our members for their continued support—whether through raffle prize donations or participation in our monster raffle, which raised over \$500 to help cover adjunct expenses.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Ross Donaldson, our diligent Boat Master, for his tireless work in managing boat bookings, overseeing repairs and maintenance, and ensuring that our vessels are always in top condition.

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## FISHING CONT...

Thanks also to Gary Stallard, who has been faithfully recording our catches and keeping members informed through our website. We look forward to our end-of-year function in January, where we will celebrate our top performers and encourage others to compete for the trophy next year.

Our dedicated Secretary, Dave Davies, deserves recognition for his hard work in keeping track of members' participation in fishing excursions and helping to manage our adjunct's administrative needs.

I would also like to thank our Treasurer, Owen Johnson, for keeping us on track financially and for successfully applying for grants. His efforts have been vital to the adjunct's continued success.

Lastly, our Friday night meetings have been invaluable for networking and planning upcoming fishing trips, both onshore and offshore, despite the unpredictable weather we've faced this year.

To all our members who have contributed in various ways throughout the year—thank you. Your support and enthusiasm are what make our adjunct a thriving and enjoyable place for everyone involved.

Dave Murray  
Commodore

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# INDOOR BOWLS

We've successfully navigated another year, thanks to the dedication and hard work of your elected committee. Ann has once again been instrumental in the club's success, consistently going above and beyond in her role. Brenda's contributions as Secretary, Gavin and Maryann's efforts as Selectors and their commitment to player development, and Faye, Karina, Carol, and Wayne's volunteer work have all been invaluable to the club.

**The Committee for 2024 were:**

Chairperson Wayne Corston  
Treasurer Ann Logie  
Secretary Brenda Brunning  
Club Captain Ann Logie  
Assistant Gavin Goodwin  
Committee Faye Powell  
Carol Antipas  
Karina Kilkolly  
Wayne Freeman

Independent Selector - MaryAnn Conlon

I want to express my sincere gratitude to those who consistently go the extra mile to make our club nights a success. Whether it's arriving early to set up or staying late to pack up, your dedication is invaluable.

Our primary goal is to create a fun and inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy the game of indoor bowls. We strive to model the positive behaviors we expect from our members, such as respect, encouragement, and a willingness to learn.

To achieve this, we need your active participation. Please be mindful of others, show kindness and consideration, and familiarize yourself with the rules and etiquette of the game. By working together, we can create a thriving community where everyone feels welcome and supported.

One of the hallmarks of our club is our welcoming atmosphere. We encourage visitors from other clubs to join us for club nights or practice sessions. Let's make them feel like part of our family and continue to foster the positive culture that exists within the wider indoor bowls community.

To help our members gain valuable experience and represent our club at a higher level, we are pleased to offer complimentary entry to regional events. This is a fantastic opportunity to test your skills and meet new people.

I also want to address the selection process for our representative teams. Our dedicated Club Captains and Independent Selector carefully evaluate each member's performance, engagement with others, and understanding of the rules. This unbiased process ensures that the most qualified individuals are chosen to represent our club.

I encourage everyone to continue contributing to the positive and inclusive culture of our club. By working together and supporting one another, we can create a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

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## INDOOR BOWLS CONT...

Results for this year are as follows:

Cossie Club:

Club Fours Winners: Wayne Corston, Rae Goodwin, Clive Allen, Heather Knight

Runners-up Don Britt, Terry Skerten, Karen Appleby, Sharon Drake

Club Triples Winners: Maryann Conlon, Ian McDonald, Robert Christieson

Runners-up: Colin Wolfsbauer, Carmel Power, Patty Rooke

Club Pairs Winners: Maryann Conlon, Carmel Power

Runners-up: Wayne Corston, Robert Christieson

Club Singles Winner: Ann Logie

Runner up: Carmel Power

Club Junior Singles Winner: Terry Antipas

Runner up: Heather Knight

Jean Johnston Memorial Trophy Winner: Brenda Brunning

Aggregate Winners:

Skip's	Ann Logie
Three's	Carol Antipas
Two's	Rae Goodwin
Lead's	Sharon Drake

The Kevin Rennie Memorial Cup was won by Ann Logie

Club Captain's Trophy winner for a 1-5 year player progressing the furthest in Championship Singles: John Freeman

Most Improved: Well done Heather Knight

Clubs NZ Ladies Championships

MaryAnn Conlon, Patty Rooke, Karina Kilkolly, Carmel Power, Ann Logie qualified

Singles. Carmel Power and Ann Logie last 16.

Upper Hutt Valley Association:

Representative Players - Roger Jones, Carmel Power, MaryAnn Conlon, Ann Logie, Karina Kilkolly, Terry Skerten, Presley Williams.

MaryAnn Conlon, Ann Logie, Gavin Goodwin and Colin Wolfsbauer - runners-up Mixed Fours.

Roger Jones, Maryann Conlon - runners-up Closed Pairs

Presley Williams - Runner-up Henselite Singles and a number of semi-finals in other events.

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## INDOOR BOWLS CONT...

Champion of Champion events:

Singles - Ann Logie, runner-up

Pairs - MaryAnn Conlon, Carmel Power, Winners

Triples - MaryAnn Conlon, Ian Macdonald, Robert Christieson, runners-up

Fours - Wayne Corston, Rae Goodwin, Clive Allen, Heather Knight, runners-up

Interclub:

MaryAnn Conlon, Karina Kilkolly, Rae Goodwin Fiona Godwin won C Grade Interclub.

Presley Williams was in the winning A Grade team.

It's been an absolute privilege to serve as Chairperson of this wonderful club for the past eight years. I've learned so much and grown immensely in this role, thanks to the incredible support and guidance of many.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Don Britt and Colin Wolfsbauer for their invaluable knowledge and assistance. Their dedication to the club has been instrumental in my success. Ann Logie, our tireless Club Captain, Treasurer, and Correspondence Secretary, has gone above and beyond in her commitment to our members. And Maryann Conlon, whose positive spirit and unwavering support have always been a source of inspiration.

These individuals, along with countless others, have shared their passion for bowls with me. Their enthusiasm has fueled my own desire to make a difference.

I've witnessed firsthand the incredible impact this club has on its members. It's a place where friendships are forged, skills are honed, and unforgettable memories are made.

Thank you all for your unwavering support and encouragement over the years. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this amazing community.

Please bring a friend!, **Wayne Corston, Past Chairperson**

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## MAH JONG

Another highly successful year for our Adjunct. Thanks again to those who worked so hard in organizing our St Patrick's weekend tournament, it went off very well, and everyone participated in the fancy costume competition which saw some amazing outfits!

Thanks to the Committee for their commitment throughout the year, having a good working committee means we run smoothly and efficiently making life easy for everyone. Again, our numbers have increased, which is very encouraging, and thanks for Sally who does the organising and training of the new members, they all greatly appreciate her patience and help, and also our adjunct members who are always willing to help the "newbies".

The continued use of the old restaurant area on Friday afternoon is working well - there is plenty of room for the 5-6 tables we regularly use, and the separate area for afternoon tea is a bonus. The mid-winter lunch there was a great success.

Tuesday numbers have outgrown the Board room.

Steph Lambert  
President

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## SENIORS

This year has been rather a tough year. Unfortunately, some clubs no longer have adjuncts due to the lack of membership after Covid. We had similar problems earlier in the year. However, after a lot of hard work and a membership drive, our numbers are now looking good.

I have to say it is due to a lot of work from Roz Britt and Brian Logan, who have encouraged our Thursday bowlers to support us. We had 3 visiting clubs earlier in the year, being Petone Workingmen's Club, Porirua Midweekers, and Levin Cossie Club.

We reciprocated by visiting these clubs in return. We hope to visit Levin in November. We had one competition twice a year against the Porirua Midweekers. This is the plate Porirua took away when they visited us in March, and we brought the plate home when we visited in September.

This year, we as a committee appointed 2 Life Members. They were Albie Pollard, who unfortunately passed away suddenly just prior to his presentation; we passed this on to his daughter. The other one was Brian Logan for his support in organizing our indoor bowls. Albie Pollard organized our annual trip to Mangaroa Vintage Machinery for our early get-togethers each year.

In June, we had a lovely social day out starting with a movie at Pauatahanui Cinema, then Fisherman's Table for lunch, and finally to Waikanae Club for a coffee stop, then home. A special thank you to Roz Britt for organizing this trip and to the Cossie for the use of their vans and our voluntary drivers.

Our highlight of the year was our Annual Trip away for the Seniors Multi-Clubs get together. This year it was held in Whanganui. 18 of us travelled up consisting of Pool Players and Indoor Bowlers; we had a great time. Thank you to the 2 volunteer drivers, Terry and Lionel, and the Cossie Club for their financial assistance and the use of 2 of their vans. A lot of work went into organizing this accommodation and scenic trip. Thank you to Roz and our Treasurer Sue Kerr. We enjoyed a relaxing trip on the Whanganui River Paddle Steamer on Wednesday morning before our return.

Finally, as President, I want to thank all our members for their support and participation in activities and to my Committee for their assistance and support of all our activities, especially with raffles, our shop run by Brenda Rennie, our coffee and tea servers run by Sandra Tomasi. I hope we have a successful 2025, hopefully with more activities. Finally, I want to thank Clare Mudgway for all her secretarial duties and organizing programmes.

Denis Oldridge  
President Seniors Adjunct

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# SOCIAL DANCE

2024 has been another successful year with Dance Lessons on Wednesday evenings and End of Month Dances every month.

The Upper Hutt Cossie Club End of Month Dance is well known in the Wellington dance community and is well supported by regular attendees who love the friendly atmosphere, dance floor and facilities the UHCC and the Dance Adjunct provides.

The transition from being majorly supported by the UHCC to being self supporting has been a difficult progression and we have had to cut costs as much as possible. Our Adjunct now only has bands for special functions, eg: Spring Dance and Christmas Dance, and DJs for our regular End of Month Dances.

The Spring Dance was our first 'themed dance' event for 2024 and was well attended. Music was by the band 'Double Click' arguably one of the best dance bands in New Zealand. Everyone always enjoys their music and its great to dance to. As part of this event, dancers dressed up in colourful clothing which added to the atmosphere. Dance programs are displayed on the overhead projectors to enable dancers to see the upcoming dances, eg: Waltz, Cha Cha, Rock n Roll, Royal Empress Tango etc. Everyone enjoyed it and a wonderful evening was had by all.

With Christmas fast approaching we are looking forward to another great event for our Christmas Function.

Dance classes are taught every Wednesday evening. Our teacher, Anne, keeps up to date with the new dances being taught in the dance community and teaches a good cross section of dance styles. To meet costs, we have reduced our two hour paid tuition of ballroom and sequence dancing to one hour. We are now offering tuition of 'Line Dancing' from 7.30 to 8.15pm. Line dancing is a popular and growing dance style, with good music and no partner is required. We have an excellent teacher and we are hoping this will draw in more new people.

The Social Dance Adjunct is still strong with a good committee and is financially stable. We offer good dance tuition and fun End of Month dances. We are thankful for the support the UHCC give to us and we hope to develop and progress further in 2025.

John Williams  
President UHCC Social Dance Adjunct

## SOCIAL DARTS

Well, what a year so far. We started the year having around 12 players each night to finishing with up to 25 per night in the last two months.

We have played most of our trophy's this year with some awesome darts played.

The adjunct has played two games against Carterton RSA Club with Cossie Social Darts coming out on top, winning both games and retaining the trophy.

We have played Himatangi once with a reply on the 13th October at Himatangi. Results to follow.

The Adjunct played the Cricket Adjunct on 6th October with Social Darts winning by one game.

Jim Poole  
President Social Darts

## SPORT OF KINGS

As we come to the close of 2024 its time to reflect upon the last 12 months.

I wish to thank all the regular steady punters for backing Sport of Kings and the new members that have come along this year.

We have had some good punting Saturdays and some very bad ones, with points scored less than 15 on two occasions. I think we all need to do some serious horse studying.

We have once again competed with our friends from the Porirua Club in our Bi Annual interclub challenge. Unfortunately losing the trophy at home in our second game, with a very close loss. We will return to Porirua in November, and we once again look forward to a great day of punting.

A group went to the Wellington races and had a great day, and 12 of our SOK members joined together and went on a trip to Adelaide to attend two race meetings. They had a good time.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support. Also, a massive thanks to everyone who assists on a regular basis to make our activities a success, especially our hardworking Committee: Brian Lynch, Bronwyn Hiku, Fiona Skinner, Dean Mallinder, Kevin Jellymen and Brent Duffy.

Happy Punting!

Trish Lynch  
Chief Stewardess

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## THEATRE & EVENTS

2024 has been a good year for the Theatre Adjunct with almost 100 financial members, although still down on pre-Covid numbers, with the annual subs remaining at \$15.

We continue to run our own monthly Adjunct raffle at our meetings, thanks to Jan Hunt and Karlenia Chin, which helps to offset some non-recoverable costs, such as booking fees.

We have opted out of the Club Friday/Saturday raffles for this next financial year due to the roster being changed to irregular weekends throughout the year.

The group has enjoyed attending a wide variety of some 27 events, including our Xmas and Mid -Winter dinners.

Venues have included Circa in the CBD Wellington, Operatunity in Lower Hutt and Mana Little theatre, using either a bus or shuttle companies with the aim of getting best prices, for our door to door transport.

We have supported local productions at Expressions, Hutt Repertory and Heretaunga players at Upstage.

Major highlights include our annual attendance at WOW at the TSB arena, and the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at the newly renovated St.James theatre, securing the best seats, by booking very early, when we were able to take the opportunity.

Two quiz evenings were successfully run by Sue Hazelwood again, with the Adjunct providing chocolate prizes, and the usual refreshments. We are very appreciative for Sue's efforts towards testing our knowledge, or lack of it as the case maybe !!

My thanks to Pam Taylor, our very able Treasurer for providing an excellent set of accounts, enabling us to assess how we are progressing every month, also arranging the transport, along with a myriad of other tasks too numerous to mention.

Thank you to Penny Jones for taking on the role of compiling a possible program for the Adjunct, and making the consequent bookings, and subsequently keeping members informed by email.

Over the last few years, the Theatre Adjunct has made huge progress in communication via emails, providing informative booking sheets, which are regularly available on the club notice boards, along with internet banking.

Two committee members have recently resigned, Karlenia Chin and Penny Jones, we are very grateful for their valuable contributions to the functioning of the Theatre Adjunct, and hopeful of some volunteers to take their place at our AGM in November.

Frances Tyson  
President

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# TRAVEL

'Spring' is in the Air and 'Summer's' around the corner. Let's get Travelling!

When we travel as an adjunct it is always good to be able to have tasty food for lunch, have good companionship and be able to go to different places.

To go to places, we are reliant on input and support from Members to be able to make destinations happen. So please, Members, your input is welcome.

This year 2023/24, besides our usual visiting places, we had some different sites to see. A few were;

The Kahutara Museum - We went there after enjoying a luncheon of fresh Fish & Chips at the Lake Ferry Hotel. Not everyone knew what kind of Museum it was. And, we were lucky on the way back home, that no-one had an upset tummy.

Kapiti Chocolate - was a place that most members knew about but had not visited.

Aperitif Wine Bar & Eatery - We went there in Winter and had an excellent lunch indoors. We will definitely visit there again in Summer, as their outside area looked inviting.

Porirua Hospital Museum - it was an eye-opener about how and why it was labelled a 'Mental Institution'. Scary instruments, practices and rooms, used in earlier times, were mind boggling.

The Annual Week-End Trip for the Year, taken September, was to re visit New Plymouth, which past year Members visited in 2017. Our numbers were small, but it meant we got to know each other more, personally.

Next Years' Week-End Trip away, was voted in as 'We are going to Tauranga'

Thank you to you, our Adjunct members, Committee members, for your support and to the Upper Hutt Cossie Club and their staff, for contributing to our success in various ways.

Robyn Dalton



**NEW PLYMOUTH AT TE REWA REWA BRIDGE**

## WINE CLUB

No trips away within this financial year but we do have our 5-day trip to Hawkes Bay this November.

We did have three day trips however: the Wairarapa Harvest Festival to Gladstone, Rose Day at Matahiwi Winery in Masterton and our annual winery/lunch outing at Martinborough. All were amazing days out as usual with good attendance. A big thank you to our wonderful bus driver, John McNally too.

We had a couple of tasting night highlights over the year, namely our inaugural Gin evening in November and a special Friday evening with Peter Lehmann Wines from South Australia in June with Richard Stott presenting. No one left sober those evenings, both were extremely entertaining too.

Other wineries that attended during the year were Askerne Wines, Hawkes Ridge Winery, Stonecroft Winery, Clearview Estate (all from Hawkes Bay), Palliser Estate, Big Sky Wines, Te Hera Winery, Coney Wines, Stad\_Ko Wines (all from Martinborough), Giesen Wines (our only Marlborough winery), Wet Jacket from Central Otago, Nga Pari from Gladstone, Matawhero Wines from Gisborne, our regular Victor from Confidant Ltd (showing beautiful Portuguese wines) and a champagne evening with EuroVintage.

Our member, Jeff Calton, provided tasting wine again from his own cellar, delicious big reds. Great job Jeff.

Other highlights were the Melbourne Cup Day, which is always a lot of fun, our vegetarian and tapas evenings and our Christmas dinner. The kitchen staff always do a lovely job so a big thank you to them.

Of course, we had our three annual BBQ's which is always a great social time. Our regular cooks (Dave Barrett and Robin Barnes) doing the usual wonderful cooking yet again, a big thank you to you both.

Our annual quiz/blind tasting evening was fun too with Justine Jellyman and Donna Stunell providing their usual tricky questions. This was our annual charity evening also and we donated \$500 to the Club's charity, Kickstart, this year. A new highlight for this evening was a shared painting with all who attended adding their masterstrokes. This was later auctioned and sold for \$165 (going towards the charity). A huge thank you to Diane Delle Vergin for providing her time and all the materials for this fun Pinot Picasso masterpiece.

Our committee remained the same with Justine Jellyman, who continues to do a fabulous job as treasurer, Pat Davies as secretary, Jane Frederickson, Donna Stunell, Dave Barrett, Dave Pullar, Debbie Paul and Glen Calogaras. Fiona Campbell continues to run our Facebook page too. A big thank you to you all.

Lastly, thank you to all our members for supporting the Wine Club and the wineries that attend, if you do not attend and purchase wine, we would not have a club at all.

Christine Clouston,  
Head Taster

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**BIG BOUNCE DAY**  
The biggest kids of the day!



**Guess the Number of Eggs Winner**  
Congratulations Danielle



**NYE's 2023 -**  
Paint the Club Green



**HURRICANES vs CHIEFS SEMI FINAL**  
Passionate supporters Paul & Darlene



**THEY'VE EARNED A DB!**  
Joshua & Andy enjoying a "coldie"

## Executive Committee 2023/24



**Back:** Rachel Ayling, Stephen Leitch, Murray Dixon, Shelagh Thomas, Paul O'Riley, Glyn Palmer, Mark Southon, Stephanie Lambert.

**Front:** Lisa Beighton (General Manager), Brian Lynch (Treasurer), Grayson May (Vice President) Don MacDonald (President), John Dillon (Trustee), David Dalton (Trustee)

# CHRISTMAS DAY Lunch

## Mains

Roast Beef  
Honey Glazed Champagne Ham  
Marinated Chicken Drums  
Smoked Fish Pie  
Vegetarian Lasagne  
Roast Potatoes & Pumpkin  
Cauliflower & Broccoli Mornay  
Seafood Pasta Salad  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Bread Rolls

## Desserts

Christmas Pudding & Custard  
Mini Pavlova with Fresh Fruit  
Classic Trifle

FROM 12-2PM

ADULTS  
**\$69**

CHILDREN  
4-12  
**\$25**

CHILDREN  
UNDER 4  
**FREE**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AT RECEPTION



\*Subject to change