



EXECUTIVE NOMINEES 2024

2024

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

VOTING HOURS

Friday, 29th November 4-6pm

Saturday, 30th November 10am-6pm

ONLINE VOTING

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



PRESIDENT



GRAYSON MAY

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Thank You for your vote

PRESIDENT

GLYN PALMER



Hi, I'm hoping for your vote to be the next President of this great Club. After decades of inertia Upper Hutt is once again a growing City, both with population growth and with business confidence but sadly our Club is a bit slow in following suit.

Upper Hutt's demographic is vastly different to what it was 15, even 10, years ago - it is younger, more culturally diverse and more particular in its choices of entertainment than it ever has been in its entire history, and what is our Club doing about that? Frankly not enough at the moment, and TBH the management team don't have the time at the moment because they are too busy having to get spending under control, reduce costs and make sure the Club is running as smooth as it can be (admittedly a very hard 24x7 job in itself).

WHAT CAN WE DO? I hear you yell - because I know that you, like me, want to see the Club survive for at least a few more generations (I hope one day my Granddaughter wants to join, she's 2 - and cute).

The other day one of my friends looked around at the number of people that were in the Club, pulled his membership card out of his wallet and said, "it's starting to feel like a library card". Let's make the Club exciting again.

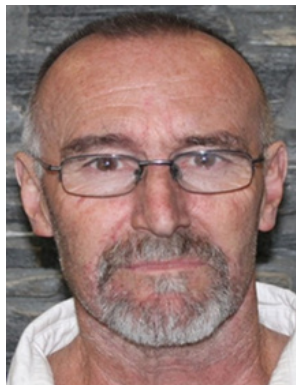
The Club currently has a sub-committee called 'Future Directions', basically this committee is tasked with recommending the commercial direction the Club needs to go. Good idea on paper - trouble is that it always seems to consist of Executive members with an average age of 60+ (or thereabouts). Scrap this antiquated sub-committee and get a working party of members who want to see the club blossom, members who may have brilliant ideas but don't want to be part of the governance (Executive).

Our new Manager has done a great job of getting us back on track when it comes to communications, Lisa has initiated a programme of being more open with the members and letting them know what's going on, I applaud her for that as that was part of my platform last year. I encourage that to continue but I will also encourage people to ask questions of the Management and Executive throughout the year and provide the means to do so and make sure you get a response (it may not be what you want to hear - but you will get a response, guaranteed).

Events and Promotions still need some work (it is an ongoing project of the new management), our live entertainment options won't appeal to future members we're trying to attract - 70's And 80's generic tribute bands and bands continuously doing the club circuit have their place in the calendar but they won't attract new blood. Let's organise a battle of the bands competition to showcase the talent we have in the Valley and get a new generation of members coming through the door.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and if you agree with my thoughts, please vote for me.

VICE PRESIDENT



PAUL O'RILEY

Hello, For those of you that don't know me, I have been a member for 34 years. I love the Cossie club. It has been a big part of my life.

I have been self employed my whole life and know what it takes to succeed.

I am seeking my fourth term on the executive. It has been a privilege to represent you. I enjoy putting time back into the club.

I am committed to our members and this year I am also running for vice president. With my years in the club, I feel I can do the job. Backing the president, I understand what you want. Value and fairness and when a member have concerns, I deal with it and follow it through.

If you have time, the club AGM is important, we need members to get involved in the club.

Please and thank you



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Hello members,

My name is Shelagh Thomas and I would really like to represent you the club membership on the executive committee.

I have enjoyed being a club member for almost 4 years. I am passionate about seeing the club retain its unique identity, however I would also like to see that it grows in new and exciting directions to attract new members and to ensure a prosperous future for you all to enjoy.

I am Scottish born and raised and came to NZ in 1981. I trained as a registered nurse in Scotland. For the last 22 years I have worked in the operating theatres at Hutt Hospital.

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If you asked those who worked for me they would say that I am open, honest and fair to everyone and very Scottish. I am a mother of two adult children and grandmother of seven. Please consider me for your vote.

TREASURER (ELECTED UNAPPOSED)



BRIAN LYNCH

Hi everybody,

The year has been challenging and would like to thank all the member whom have come up to me and asked how I have been going and have given their support behind me as the Club Treasurer.

I have enjoyed the challenge and are looking forward to another year of hard work with the staff and executive, in turn around this club and making it a great place to be.

I am extremely passionate about our Cossie club and I want to see it move forward.

I excited about the club's future and welcome the year ahead, as your unopposed Club Treasurer.

Thanking you

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



JOSHUA AYLING

Hi, I'm Joshua Ayling. I was born and raised in Upper Hutt and currently work as a Production Foreman at Robertson Engineering on Montgomery Crescent.

I'm married to Danielle, a property lawyer—and yes, I made sure to get her permission before signing up for this!

With my sister Rachael stepping down from the committee due to her busy work and family commitments, I felt it was the perfect opportunity to step up and contribute. I'm excited about the chance to bring fresh energy and ideas to the committee while continuing the family's connection to the club.



MURRAY DIXON

I have been a club member for more than 20 years. I belong to Sport of Kings & RSA adjuncts.

From a career aspect, my background is in process design, logistics, training & development. I'm currently employed by Kiwirail as a Senior Business Analyst.

Twelve months ago, I humbly sought your support to be your representative on the Club Executive and you honored me with your support. Twelve months on, our club is a multimillion-dollar business and still needs a diverse and positively focused team, with the right combination of skills, to govern and manage it effectively and I once again seek your support to continue this work, representing you, as an Executive Committee member.

My vision for the Club has not changed. I want our Club to be seen as the 'hub' of Upper Hutt. To achieve that, all of us need to work together, making it relevant to current and future members—making it a place where we all feel we belong and where our members, our executive and our management work together to make it the best club possible. I humbly ask for your continued support to achieve this vision.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



STEPHANIE LAMBERT

I am currently a member of the Executive and running for a fourth term.

I have been a member of the Cossie for over 25 years; am a Justice of the Peace, a successful business person for 30 years, and am a volunteer at the Hospice Shop in Upper Hutt.

I am standing again for the Executive, as the Cossie Club with it's new management and policies implemented over the year, has made significant progress, and I would like to be a part of this continuing improvement and growth of the Club.

Currently President of the Mah Jong Adjunct; member of craft beer and wine adjuncts.



ANDREW MACDONALD

Hi I'm Andy MacDonald, and I'm running for a spot on our Executive Committee. I've been part of our club for many years, helping out with maintenance, giving a hand to our staff, and making sure new members feel welcome.

I'm a builder by trade and currently work at our national museum Te Papa maintaining the museum and several other buildings.

I'm the guy you can come to with any questions about the club. Now, I want to do more. I want to be on the Committee to stand up for all of us, making sure our club is the best place it can be.

I'm ready to take on this challenge and be voice for our members. I'm asking for your vote to make sure our club stays a great place for everyone.

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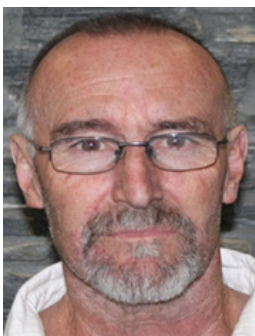
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Many of you know me as the "go to one" if you wanted some advice on policy or ask a question about the executive. People come to me because they'll know I will do my best to provide the answer or introduce them to someone who does.

Some of you also know me the one that you can turn to when you are not getting a response from the Senior Executive or Management or feel you are being fobbed off. I'll always go into bat for the underdog and have helped a few get satisfaction for their problem.

Please vote for me to be on the next committee and I'll continue with my work making this a stronger and safer club.



TRACY STOTT

Hi, I am Tracy Stott.

My journey brought me from Palmerston North to Upper Hutt in 2005, when I joined the Cossie Club. After a brief stint living in the Middle East, I returned - and have never left. Upper Hutt is home.

I currently work as an HR Advisor for the New Zealand Defence Force at Trentham Camp. With extensive experience in human resources, finance and payroll, I offer a well-rounded skill set that enables me to support diverse teams and organisations effectively.

I have always enjoyed being actively involved in my community, which has led me to serve on various committees. I spent three years as Treasurer for the Stroke Foundation in Palmerston North and held key roles over a five year period as Entertainment Representative and Partners Representative at the Trentham Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess.

I am excited about the opportunity to bring fresh ideas and contribute to the Upper Hutt Cossie Club committee.

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MICHELLE WHITE

Hello, My name is Michelle White and am happy to be nominated to sit on the committee for 2024-2025.

I'm a big supporter of Breast Cancer awareness and the Wellington free Ambulance service.

With being a Bakery Manager, I have Health & Safety and Food Safety background.

I'm a hard worker and a loyal member of our community and will continue with your acceptance to be an asset to our club and members.

Thanks for your consideration
