



OTOROHANGA CLUB INC.

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Thank you from the Manager

Kia ora members,

Thank you for your ongoing support over the past 12 months. It's been a good year – but as we all know, staying great is the real challenge.



While I'd love to see you here every day, I understand that times have changed and disposable income isn't what it used to be. I've been working on creating functions and events that are affordable yet enjoyable. I've also been liaising with other club managers around the country, gathering new ideas that could work for our club and our members.



I've advertised for a Head Chef/Restaurant Manager, with applications closing at the end of the month. There's a definite shift in what members are looking for – it's no longer just about the beer, but about quality food and great company, and we want to reflect that change here at the Club.



On the operations side, our bar staff have completed their annual Class 4 Harm Minimisation training. I know it can be frustrating at times when the team are doing their gaming checks and sweeps, but please remember – it's a legal requirement and a vital part of maintaining our gaming licence.



Recently, our Committee and staff took part in Club Champs training in Te Kuiti that included presentations from FENZ, NZ Police and Alcohol Licensing. It was a fantastic refresher and an important reminder of the legal responsibilities we all hold.



We've also made some upgrades around the club – new curtains and blinds have been installed in the function room and upstairs area, along with a new roller blind by the snooker tables. These updates help freshen up the space and, hopefully, attract more bookings which support our financial goals.



One change you may have noticed – the TAB has installed a new self-service machine. Unfortunately, we didn't meet the sales targets to justify keeping the manned terminal for non-member access. This has been a real loss, with TAB sales dropping. We're still deciding what to do with the now-unused space – possibly a staff room – but nothing is confirmed yet.





To my amazing team: thank you. The hospitality industry is tough. You work long hours, weekends, and late nights – but you do it with a smile and make sure our members and guests are well looked after. I can't do my job unless you do yours, and I truly appreciate the effort you put in.

To the Committee – thank you for stepping into a role that's often thankless and definitely payless! Governance isn't easy, but your willingness to learn and grow has been instrumental in the Club's progress.

To our members – thank you for your ideas, encouragement, and the positive vibe you bring through the doors. Thank you to our sports adjunct delegates, your volunteer work helps keep our members active, involved, and connected. Your efforts don't go unnoticed.

A reminder that the courtesy van remains available to members free of charge to ensure you get home safely. A small koha is always appreciated to help keep this service running.

Voting papers have been sent out this year both by post and email – a new system we're trialing. The AGM agenda and audited performance report can be found on the clubs webpage, to help with reducing costs these haven't been printed out this year, but if you do require a printed version please come in and I will be happy to supply you with one. You'll also find the draft Constitution available on the Club webpage, which has been prepared by the Committee for your review and approval at the upcoming AGM. This is part of our compliance under the new Incorporated Societies Act and must be passed by members before being submitted.

Also, don't forget to download the Clubs NZ App. While it won't get you in the door at our Club just yet, it does serve as valid proof of membership at reciprocal Clubs and can be used to claim the membership draw – another great reason to have it on hand.

Thanks again for being part of our Club whānau. Let's keep working together to make it stronger, better, and more vibrant for everyone.

Ngā mihi,
Bronwyn Merrin
Secretary/Manager
Otorohanga Club

FUN FACTS!

1,610
CLUB MEMBERS

13 GRANTS
\$36,000 IN
DONATIONS

51
NIGHTS OF
ENTERTAINMENT

9,483
QUARTS OF
WAIKATO SOLD

\$22,400
120 M/SHIP DRAWS

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