

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19th MAY 2023

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Dear Members

It is a pleasure to report to the members at the end of my first year as President. The year started with a successful AGM at which we welcomed Dame Wendy Pye as Patron, Bho Patel on to the executive and inducted Michael Woods, Peter Nelson, Eddie Kohlhase and Allan Smith as new members.

Fiona Allan, CEO of Paralympics New Zealand spoke at the AGM on the 2021 Paralympics Games and the International Paralympics Committee's U turn on allowing Russian athletes to compete, as well as the success of the New Zealand Paralympic team and other memorable features of the Games.

The on again off again 50th anniversary dinner was eventually cancelled due to lack of support in the take up to attend a year on, which is disappointing after the work that had gone into the booking and preparations.

However the Club was able to hold two interesting luncheons. The first in July at which Nigel Avery the Chef de Mission of the New Zealand team spoke on the arrangements for the team during Covid in both travelling, accommodation and competing at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

In October Peter Kean part owner of the Australian race horse Nature Strip spoke on the success of the horse and the experience of racing at Royal Ascot.

Our thanks go to our sponsors for these luncheons Federal Merchants & Co and Butler's Chocolate Café.

The 29th Charity Golf Classic was held in February 2023 at the Pakuranga Golf Club and once again proved a successful occasion with over \$30,000 raised through sponsorship, teams entered, a raffle and auction items. Our thanks go to David Hunter and his team for the organisation and running of this day. Our thanks to the David Levene Foundation for their generous donation to this event.

Unfortunately we lost a number of senior members who passed away during the last 12 months. Founding members Jeff Robson MBE, Gordon Dryden and Sir Murray Halberg ONZ MBE as well as Colin Jillings a member since 1985, Sir Patrick Hogan KNZM CBE and Ralph Roberts MBE JP. They will be missed.

Thanks to members of the executive, Vice-President Fiona Allan for her valuable input, Treasurer Cameron McGregor, Bho Patel who welcomed us to the Federal Merchants Board room for our meetings.

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Vicky Latta who has ably carried out the duties of Club Secretary for the past 14 years. Vicky is not seeking re-election and we wish Vicky well and a deserved break. Our thanks to Past President Peter Jeffares who is standing down as a committee member for his contributions to the running of the Club.

Murray McKinnon QSM JP

President

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