



June 2006

## FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

With our President Michael Woods away in Italy (I have just seen his itinerary and am somewhat envious) it falls upon me to write in this Issue of Club Ties.

Due to health reasons our General Manager Bill McDermott has resigned. We understand the reasons for his resignation and we wish him well for the future. In the short time Bill has been with us he has served the Club well.

The General Committee appointed John Gordon to the position of Club Manager. John is well known to Members and I feel sure he will manage the Club most ably. John is an exponent of "management by walking around" and I have confidence both in his ability and his incredible knowledge of how the Club actually works behind the scenes.

The General Committee at the moment is focusing on the strategic direction of the Club, as we know membership has been declining for some time and this inevitably has an effect on the Club's result from year to year.

In some ways we are very fortunate that previous committees grappled with and resolved (with Member support) the external debt of the Club. We now need to take the next step and place the Club on a sound financial footing for the next 150 years. We need to ensure that the asset we have in real estate is configured in such a way as to suit the present day needs of Club Members as well as preserving that asset (which has been built up over the last 150 years) for future Club Members.

The forthcoming Annual General Meeting (5.30pm Monday 26th June) will provide us with the opportunity

to discuss the proposals the General Committee is developing. It is important that we as Members contribute to and agree on the Club's future direction and with that in mind I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting. Formal Notice of the Annual General Meeting, and the Accounts, will be posted in due course.

In the meantime I would urge you

to take advantage of your Club's facilities. The Dining Room in particular is recommended. I continue to hear favourable comparisons between the standard of meals at our Club compared to others and Sharon, Russell and their team will only be to happy to look after you.

Mike Wills

*Vice President*

### THE AUCKLAND CLUB

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 153rd Annual General Meeting of Members of the Auckland Club will be held in the Clubhouse, 34 Shortland Street, Auckland on Monday 26th June 2006 at 5.30pm.

#### Business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 27th June 2005.

*Note: The Minutes have already been confirmed as to accuracy by the General Committee at its first meeting after the 2005 Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the resolution passed at that Meeting; and as required, the Minutes will be available for inspection at this year's Annual General Meeting.*

2. To receive and consider the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2006.
3. To receive and approve the Annual (subscriptions effective 1 October 2006).
4. To elect the auditors.
5. To elect officers for the 2006/2007 year.
6. General Business.

John Gordon, Manager

## CLUB POLITICAL LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker

# Dr Don Brash

**Thursday 28th June 2006**

2 course luncheon  
refreshment on arrival  
all other drinks to account  
only \$40 per person  
Time 12 noon seated by 12.15pm

Dr Brash will address luncheon guests  
at 1pm  
Finishing 2pm

*Ph Reception on 3031526*

### Comments from Function Hosts:

I would like to thank you and the Auckland Club staff for a splendid evening celebrating my sixtieth year with a glamorous Glitteratti Dinner Party.

The Chef made a splendid job of the menu. There was plenty of variety and plenty of everything, in fact some guests forgot to eat they were having so much fun so I hope the poor chef was not offended at some platters returned barely eaten! It was a table I was very proud of.

Please pass along my thanks to these excellent employees, it was truly a night to remember.

Thank you again.

**Margaret Lady Hallenberg**

Many thanks for the excellent

luncheon yesterday. It went off really well, such a nice dining room atmosphere, and everyone greatly enjoyed it. Please give our compliments to the chef as the food was excellent. And Anne's wines were a great choice to go with the meal.

Thanks and regards

**Andrew Williams**

President

NZ-Europe Business Council

**The Auckland Club  
Rules 2004-2005**

Further copies of this Handbook are available to Members upon request.

*IN MEMORIAM*

Mr J. T. Carrigan

Member since 1965

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### General Committee

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Mike Wills – Vice President

Anne Batley-Burton

Barry Cato

David McEwen

Trustees

Barrie Hopkins Gerry Rea Bob Duncan