



September 2007

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my first report to you as President and as such I would like to introduce to you the members of the General Committee and House Committee and their respective “spheres of interest”, so as to ensure that the Club has an efficient governance structure in place as well as enabling Members to know who to contact on the Club Committees with any comments or queries on the operations of our Club

**Mike Wills**

The primary responsibility of the House Committee will be to advise the General Committee on the internal operations of our Club in particular the food and beverage operations. In addition the following two members have been co-opted onto the House Committee Klaus Sorensen to advise on public relations and John Pettengill to advise on strategies to forge closer links with organisations such as the Export Institute and Institute of Directors.

John Gordon our Club Manager has advised the Committee that he wishes to retire from working full time at the end of September this year. I know that Members will join me in recording our heartfelt thanks to John for his service to our Club over the past twenty years. It is intended that John will be replaced by Russell Hewage; our very able House Manager whom I am confident will fulfill his new role most ably. Russell will have the benefit of John’s advice as John will continue to work at the Club on Mondays and Fridays so as to both mentor and assist Russell in his new responsibilities.

The General Committee are of the view that the Club should hold a

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

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| David McEwen       | Vice President & Chairman of the House Committee                    |
| Phil Henley        | Chair Finance Sub Committee   |
| Craig Ganley       | Finance Sub Committee   |
| Barry Cato         | Insurance & Membership  |
| Craig Ewington     | Legal   |
| John Bergin        | External Functions & Bequest Programme                              |
| Anne Batley Burton | Members Functions & Dining Society                                  |
| John Phillips      | Information Technology & Property                                   |
| House Committee    | David McEwen, John Bergin,<br>Anne Batley Burton and John Phillips. |

Testimonial Dinner for John early in 2008 to show in a very tangible way our gratitude for his two decades of service. The Dinner would be black tie with John and his wife as guests of the Club. I shall advise more details of the Dinner later in the year.

The General Committee are now seeking advice as to the best way of going about the leasing of the Billiard Room floor and as a consequence relocating one of the billiard tables to the ground floor. Any leasing proposal (as foreshadowed at the recent Annual General Meeting) will need to be approved by Members and the Trustees. For those Members that were not at the Annual General Meeting this leasing proposal is designed to give the Club a revenue return on space that is very underutilised by Members and as such allow the Club an additional source of funds so as to improve and refurbish parts of our home that are looking a little tired.

You will note that John Bergin is charged with developing a Bequest Programme for Members. It is quiet

common for Clubs such as ours to have a programme which allows Members to create a legacy for the Club which builds on the contributions so many of our past Members have made over the 156 years. We will keep you informed as this programme unfolds.

Anne Batley Burton has been charged with the creation of a “Dining Society”. The intention is that every six weeks or so the Club holds a Members dinner which will include a guest speaker. It is not the intention to have a “celebrity” type speaker to address us, rather someone who is a specialist in a particular subject that will be of interest to Members. Specific details will be advised in forthcoming issues of Club Ties.

In closing I can advise that the Club is in good heart, we are trading profitably and as always I would encourage Members to use our function and dining rooms. Anton our chef and his staff continue to produce a menu that whets the palate of our Members and our staff continue to provide a dining experience that is unique to our Club.

# CHAMPAGNE LADY SPRING BALL

*In support of the SPCA*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007 7pm,**

\$130 per person

**Black Tie**

**Complimentary Champagne Comte Audoin de Dampierre on arrival**

**4 hrs of entertainment from the Grant Chilcott Band**

**Dinner**

**Dance**

All other refreshments own care

Email: [reception@aucklandclub.co.nz](mailto:reception@aucklandclub.co.nz) or call (09) 303 1526

RSVP: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007

## MANAGERS MESSAGE

The weather may have been less than satisfactory over the last two months but we have noticed an increase in business, maybe it has been too cold for the Viaduct.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> we held a very successful lunch with John Key as the guest speaker. Over 140 members and their guests attended and his address was greeted with enthusiasm. Then on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August we held the Price Waterhouse Coopers Emerging Artists Dinner for over 100 attendees. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year we have held this event and this one proved to be just as successful. Positive feedback was received from all who attended: excellent music, superb food and service. Long may they continue.

More members and their guests are taking advantage of our accommodation rooms. At only \$112 Incl GST and continental breakfast they must be one

of the best deals in the city, members point out the fact that the central position and privacy of the Club as major factors for stopping here.

Please remember we are open from 6.30am until 8.00 pm so if you feel like a coffee, glass of wine or a light snack we are here to cater for you. Many Members use the Club as the perfect venue to meet a client or just a place to escape from the office.

The festive season is creeping up on us, time to be considering about that special dinner or staff gathering, we cater for all social occasions be it a cocktail party, lunch or dinner.

The number of available car parks for use in the evening is rather limited so if you are attending an evening function, please call reception to see if there are any available.

We look forward to seeing all the Members of the Club in the not too distant future

## NEW MEMBERS

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Sponsor</u>  | <u>Seconder</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Neigal Naresh      | B Cato          | C Ganley        |
| Dr Lynley McMillan | D E McEwen      | M Brewer        |
| Tom Pagels         | A Batley Burton | D E McEwen      |
| Michael Walsh      | C N Hardy       | M G Woods       |

The Auckland Club extends a warm and cordial welcome to our newest Members. It is our wish to see you often and share the warmth and camaraderie of good fellowship, the foundation upon which the Club is solidly based.

The General Committee, Management and Members of the Auckland Club wish to recognise and thank the Members who sponsored and seconded new Members.

## PRESIDENT'S "AT HOME"

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of November, the President will be holding a reception for all members and partners. At this function we will formally welcome all new Members & their sponsors, giving new members an opportunity to meet with the committee, other members and key staff personnel.

Further details will follow in the weekly e-mail.

We do hope you will be able to attend the traditional event and enjoy the ambience of the club.

## NEW HANDBOOK

We are intending to publish a new Member Handbook in the near future. If your telephone contact details have recently changed, we would appreciate up to date information sent to [accounts@aucklandclub.co.nz](mailto:accounts@aucklandclub.co.nz)

## IN MEMORIAM

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*Member since 2005*

Sir James Fletcher

*Member since 1945*

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