

Chairpersons Report

What an exciting year for the Club 2024 has been. Your Club has continued to post a surplus on Trading, whilst supporting the Wellington Community through numerous grants and Sponsorships. The Club remains in a strong financial position, with an increase in funds in Term deposits and Higher interest accounts, also expanding our assets in real estate.

Of most significance is the almost now complete amalgamation of the Club with the Wellington Golf Club. The Board sees the amalgamation of the Clubs as an opportunity to expand on the offerings of the amalgamated Club as a sports and entertainment venue, with an opportunity to tap into live music events, and the tourist trade generated at the Wellington Caves/Japanese Garden precinct. Watch this space as we grow our Club.

The Club's program, Scholarships to stop the Brain Drain, was well received with students seeking financial support in their first and second years of Higher education. The Club was also successful in winning the Education category of the Clubs NSW – Clubs & Community Awards, which saw members of the Board and Management attend the event hosted by Clubs NSW. I need to thank in particular, Directors Barry Jeffery and Mark Griggs for the work and commitment shown, for the success of the program in the inaugural year.

Our first year as the major sponsor of the Wellington Race Club – Boot Carnival has been well patronised by locals and visitors, with a successful and vibrant 2024 Boot Carnival, with guests Gary Freeman and Malcolm Johnson a feature at the Calcutta and Boot meeting and a weekend of live entertainment at our Club.

The end of the year provided an opportunity for the Club to provide support for the Wellington Wedgetails to attend the League 9's tournament in Las Vegas. The idea was spawned as a result of their self-funded cultural exchange with a team from Wellington New Zealand. Again, Wellington Wedgetails, showed their class and talent in the sporting arena at the Las Vegas 9's remaining undefeated in their rounds, just missing out on reaching the Grand Final.

The Board of Directors have attended training as part of their commitment to continue to make sound financial and investment opportunities on behalf of our Club members. The training is part of the commitment imposed by various government regulatory bodies, and Clubs NSW. This training is a mandatory requirement for Board members, and as such the Club is responsible for meeting the costs of the training.

Lastly, thank you to our staff and you, our members. Your loyalty and continued patronage ensures we can continue to provide you with safe and comfortable venues for all of your entertainment and leisure activities.

Robyn Edwards, Chairperson.