



President's Report October 2024 – October 2025

The past year has been a successful one for the club, despite tough economic conditions our club continues to grow in membership and activities. This was demonstrated as recently as Friday night with the finals of the squash club champs. Many young families were present, this family friendly environment will ensure the club remains vibrant. With this our financial position continues to improve and we are making progress on the plans to renovate the club.

Club Highlights:

1. Membership: As of 31st July, membership stands at 448, comprised of:

Code(s)	Senior	Junior	Totals
Tennis	165	76	241
Squash	119	32	151
Both	35	21	56

This is a 14% growth in membership, and this is across all parts of the club which is an outstanding effort by the club management and committees of both tennis and squash, who have organised events to attract and retain members. Some of the events are at capacity with wait lists and we continue to get very positive feedback from members of other racquets clubs and national bodies on how well our events have been organised.

2. Facilities and maintenance: Our club continues to invest in its infrastructure. With the number 1 squash court getting a revamp prior to hosting the Cousins shield and a ramp was put in to allow wheelchair access to the lower level of the club, the roof has also been repaired which has stopped the need for buckets every time it rains. The Facilities and Maintenance Committee has committed a lot of time and energy over the past 12 months, ensuring the club is maintained while continuing to explore the possibility of a complete makeover of the club building. Since the last AGM we held a Special General Meeting to update members on progress on this project and to get support from members to continue with the project. Like any major project it takes time and energy, we have been fortunate that the facilities committee has put a lot of energy into this project and though it may feel progress is slow I can assure you that good progress has been made in the funding space with offers of sponsorship and providing materials at significant discounts. We continue to explore the option of undertaking this project in stages, though the major hurdle is the design of the current roof. Simply modernising the interior without addressing the structural issues is likely to be a case of leaving a larger problem for future members- kicking the can down the road. We know historically that all major upgrades to the club have been difficult to fund and get underway and it takes a committed group of individuals to make this happen which we currently have within our club.



Once again, my sincere thanks to Peter Bryant and Carli Van Zyl for putting in so much time and energy into this project it is a balancing act when trying to drive for change yet at the same time keep members informed and on board with the project.

3.Events and Competitions: The talent within our club remains as strong as ever. Our members have continued to excel in local, regional, events,

CRC continues to host popular and successful events for both codes. In house competitions, Waikato events and even a national one this year.

All of these events are important for the reputation of the club, provide opportunities for members to compete and participate, and they also generate revenue. I would like to extend deep thanks on behalf of the club to everyone involved in running these events.

CRC has been represented in interclub competitions for both codes in junior and senior competitions across both codes. Thanks to all those players who represent the club, especially to those who organise and manage teams and drive juniors to matches.

4. Looking Forward: As the financial reports show, the club is in a healthy position financially and membership continues to grow this is not good luck. We need to ensure workloads are spread through the club and getting more members involved in lending a hand for these many events we now hold.

5. Appreciation: I'd like to thank: members of the Squash Committee, the Tennis Committee, the Facilities and Maintenance Committee and the Management Committee for their dedicated mahi; all of our members who volunteer for various roles and pick up all the jobs that need doing around the place; Bob our cleaner of many years has now retired from this role and I would like to thank him and at the same time recognise the efforts of Kaawatea Bruce who has taken on the cleaning role with some help from her family. Thanks to Diane Moss for taking on tasks that her daughter has delegated to her! Finally, the amazing Suzie Halliday, our Club Manager. Brett and the kids should also be thanked for allowing us to have the services of Suzie, who lives and breathes the club and just gets on with it, whether it is organising a tournament, business house competitions or applying for grants.

It is a privilege to have served as your Club President this year.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, thank you all.

Dave Kilbride, October 20th 2025.