



## President's Report December 2022 – October 2023

The past year has been a successful one for the club, building on the momentum we had started to build by the end of last year as we were finally able to turn our backs on COVID-related restrictions.

### Club Highlights:

**1. Membership:** As of today membership stands at 409, comprised of:

Code(s)	Senior	Junior	Totals
Tennis	158	68	226
Squash	116	18	134
Both	30	19	49

This makes us one of the biggest, if not the biggest clubs in the Waikato. At the same point in 2022, our membership was 393. We could consider setting ourselves a goal of growing to 450 members by this time next year. Increasing membership increases revenue, which gives us more to spend on:

**2. Facilities and maintenance:** Our club continues to invest in its infrastructure. In this past year we have refurbished elements of the squash courts, enhancing the playing experience for members and visitors. Resurfacing of tennis courts 5-7 and the public court was delayed due to the weather (the summer that went AWOL) but is scheduled for early 2024. Pickleball lines will also be added to the public court. The awning over the deck, which was damaged in high winds, is soon to be replaced with the costs met through a successful insurance claim.

At the 2022 AGM we established the Facilities and Maintenance Committee. The committee hit the ground running, developing ideas for refurbishing and reinventing the clubs' facilities and engaging in extensive consultation with members, including 3 workshops and a detailed survey seeking members' input, the results of which were shared in last week's *Rap Up*. I've been impressed by the committee's work and ideas, together with the way in which they've ensured that members have had opportunities to contribute to plans for developing the club's facilities. This feedback demonstrates that most members are proud and satisfied with their club while also sharing aspirations for CRC to continue to grow and develop and offer a modern and welcoming environment for sport and socialising.

It's been very productive to have representation from the committee on the Management Committee to ensure that there is a good flow of information back and forth. My thanks to Peter Bryant for having taken on this role.



3. Events and Competitions: The talent within our club remains as strong as ever. Our members have continued to excel in local, regional, national, and in the case of squash, international, events, further cementing our club's reputation as a hub for top-tier tennis and squash players. CRC continues to host popular and successful events for both codes. In the past year, Squash members organised and hosted:

The singles and doubles summer sizzler, Women's 900 one-day event, Waipa Open, Men's 1500, C grade ladies super champs, Waikato Graded Champs, Werder junior one day final. Meanwhile, tennis members organised and hosted: The Ronald MacDonald House fundraising tournament, co-hosted the National Seniors Teams event and have the annual Christmas tournament coming up. 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 at all levels of junior and senior competitions. Thanks to all of those players who represent the club, especially to those who organise and manage teams, drive juniors to matches, and so on.

4. Looking Forward: As the financial reports show, the club is in a healthy and sustainable position, meaning that we can start to look at where we would like to invest in the club's development and where we would like to fund-raise in various ways. We will continue our commitment to improving our facilities, enhancing our programmes, and expanding our school and community outreach efforts. Our focus remains on providing a fun, safe and inclusive environment for all members, ensuring that CRC remains a place of excellence for years to come.

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 who keeps the place spick and span for us on a day-to-day basis, and finally, the amazing Suzie Halliday, Club Manger. Suzie you have grown into the job so well and so quickly, and made it your own. You're now indispensable!

I have been away overseas for a month or so and I came over on Sunday for a hit. It really did feel like coming home. The club is its members and you all make this such a great place to come home to. It is a privilege to have served as your Club President again this year. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, thank you all.

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