

2022/2023 Manager's Report

Suzie Halliday

Good evening, everyone, Thanks for coming along this evening

I didn't think I'd be sitting here a year later so soon, this year has gone really fast.

My eyes have certainly been opened as to what needs to happen every day at this club.

I have learnt that some things can happen overnight, and other things take months. But eventually you can get there. The day to day running of the club does take up more time than I ever expected, I guess Wayne Deano, Nick Claire etc will agree with me there. My day varies every day. Preparing draws for a tournament, sweeping the courts, sending off grant applications, daily banking, meeting new members, replying to some days endless emails. Its great and I Love it, which is possibly why the year has gone so fast.

Firstly, Thank you too all our committee members and volunteers that put so many hours into the activities that make this club what it is. I certainly can not do it all alone. I do hope I do make your lives all a little bit easier too.

It has been a whirl wind of year, our wonderful sunny summer 😞

Cyclone Gabrielle so long ago now, but it really showed me the great community we have at CRC, although we were lucky no damage was done, the club was a mess and that Friday night we had people everywhere with leaf blowers, rakes, wheelbarrows to get our club presentable again. Thank you.

Thank you to all who supported the unexpected closing of club when 2 of our gum trees were threatening to move. Competition games were quickly moved to other local courts, and some postponed. We can never forget the important relationships we have in the Waikato Tennis and Waikato Squash Community.

I did close the squash courts for a second time this year, for a week, Sorry to the Squash members, but you graciously accepted the week. It was the quietest week of the season to get the court walls repaired and repainted. And how good do they look. And even better when Grassroots covered most of the costs. Just over \$13, 000.

We also received another grant from Grass roots for tennis and squash balls for the winter months.

This was fantastic to hand out new balls to a few winter tennis players and give squash women and wine sessions new balls, run junior squash sessions and not charge any squash interclub team for balls.

We also received a grant from Trust Waikato towards my wages and utility expenses.

Next job for me is to get some grants to fund tennis court resealing of 5,6,7.

Club uniforms, I think we are currently waiting for our 4th order to arrive any day now. Its so great to see fellow club members rocking this gear at other clubs. It looks so smart! Will do another order Feb for those who are interested.

Tennis

I have learnt a lot about tennis in this last year, and after muddling my way through it this time last year, I plan to do everything a little better with a little more knowledge this year.

😊 Thanks also to Rosie, Wayne, Oskar, Andrew and Pete for their support – so many questions that you answered with a smile.

The Christmas tournament was a lot of fun at the end of last year. Club champs went well and so good to have all games at home. The senior's tournament was well organise and the place to be, over the weekend., Thank you Rosie and Wayne. Peter also ran a fast 8 series which was well received. Looking forward to doing it all again.

Squash has had a lot of tournaments this year, I knew it was going to be a big year with an extra 2 tournaments and it was. This really stretched the committee and members who volunteered. Thank you all, these tournaments simply could not run without you. I know there was a lot who had not helped before, new members who learned how to do the bar, run the kitchen or were given a brief on Tournament Control 5 minutes before being left in charge – Thank you

Facilities, there has been a lot of groundwork happening this year, I see the wheels turning, and can't wait to keep the momentum going. It is no easy task to ask all your members what they want then try put that into some sort of order, but you are doing really well, keep it up.

Thank you to our president Tracy and Treasurer Geoff you are my go toos for any questions and signatures, advise, I think these have been less over the months hopefully.?

I want to thank all 4 committees and their members, I know it is hard to find time in everyone's busy schedule, but I appreciate the time you do find, and your flexibility. There are a lot of great people in this club making it a great club to be part of.

We have a few stepping down from committees, as mentioned already. I'd like to say thank you to them,

Tennis- Susie Martinson, you stood for a year, but life has got to be busy for you, thanks for your time,

Sheryl Carpenter, after years on the tennis committee is stepping down. Sheryl will stay on the Facilities committee. Our Tennis chair Richie Hill will step down from this position after so many years and have a few months off before carrying on as a member. Thank you for your endless work it has not gone unnoticed and I won't forget your contributions to getting the astro turf, and getting rid of the astro turf. 😊 Thank you Wayne Petersen for your help organising teams and tournaments, it's hard to have a CRC hat and tennis Waikato hat but I appreciate your support. I know you will still be around the club and help out where you can.

Squash Thank you Ange Scott, your efforts have been tireless over the last 3 plus years. Especially last year, in between managers I know you took on extra hours. Your tournament knowledge has always been greatly appreciated. Thank you. Chloe Barrot thank you for your work this last year too.

Thanks everyone for supporting me this year, I have met so many people, and am doing pretty well with names and faces, although there is a lot of Richards, David and Marks! I feel there are more Tennis players I don't know so will make my face more familiar over the summer months.

Please if you have any questions, comments, complaints, flick me an email or I'm in the office school hours, unless I'm in town picking something up or meeting someone for coffee. I do work some hours from home and am at club at least 2 evenings a week depending what is going on at club and at home. So never far away.

Thanks

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