



Chairs report AGM 22/23

Hi Everyone

The club year 2022 / 2023 was certainly a time of change and re-adjustment. From 2014 through to 2022 it was about survival, and everyone associated with that period did an extremely good job of ensuring the Kawau Boating Club not only survived but did well in what was at times a very difficult environment. At the end of the 22/23 season Davo and Robyn's tenure ended and new Bistro operators were appointed. Daniel Ivil and Renee Young come to us with a well-proven record having been established at SYC for a number of years. Their aspirations for the Bistro & Bar as well as the Kawau Boating Club are quite lofty with a determination to see the Kawau Boating Club Bistro & Bar gain not only a wide spread local reputation but also to be recognized as a destination that enjoys an international reputation. These ideals sit comfortably alongside those of KBC and working together over time I think we will be surprised what can be achieved.

On the strength of our lease with the RNZYS, we have another 28 years to run, this off season we have completed a massive interior refurbishment of our club house. This has taken longer and cost more but unfortunately this situation seems to be considered par for the course for this type of project, costing twice as much and taking twice as long seems to be the accepted measure. In order to grow in today's environment we have to be better than we had been and that starts with our offer. Everyone who has seen the changes has been very supportive of those changes and I expect they will be received well by most if not all people. The building was in a very sorry state indeed. We have now completed an extensive refurbishment that has seen the kitchen completely rebuilt, the entire building re-wired, the ceiling removed, the entire building re-lined and painted, improved security monitoring, internal & external lights installed, installation of the wiring for a sound system, gas installed in the kitchen and I think that's about it. What this means for the club is we will likely come out of this season with very little reserves but if we manage to come out also with very little, if any debt at all then that will be a very good result. In the meantime we are looking to launch into a fundraising campaign that will hopefully help us rebuild our finances.

Now that this is complete the committee is looking at how we can better represent KBC as a club providing what most might expect from a club, whether that be on water events or social inhouse events. Either way my belief is that in order to build the membership of Kawau Boating Club we need to be acting more like a club, it's about fun isn't it.

You will likely be aware that there may be a possibility of purchasing the KBC property from RNZYS and there have been a number of discussions on this issue thus far. However there is a lot to consider when looking at this option. Not the least of which is how KBC might be able to afford that, well there are a number of options around that issue and these will be discussed at the AGM. Main points to consider I think include.

1. Benefits and obligations of ownership, long term / short term
2. Will this opportunity come along again and if not does that matter
3. Affordability
4. How to fund a purchase
5. Ongoing maintenance requirements and associated costs
6. Integrity of buildings, wharf and services
7. KBC constitutional requirements

This is not a decision that can be made by the committee alone, it is essential that whatever decisions are made around this possibility are made by the membership and we will be asking for your input at the AGM. In the meantime please think about this and come along prepared to voice your position.

Thankyou

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