

MAIRANGI BAY BOWLING CLUB Inc.

Annual Report from the Board

General: This past year has been highlighted by the success of our Inter Club teams in winning both the men's and the women's Division One competition at the Centre, thus qualifying them to go to Wellington for the National Inter Club playoffs. And to cap this off the Division Two team, playing in the only other division available, came through strongly to win their grade.

Around the club, a series of other maintenance work was carried out, following on from the significant amount of maintenance work carried out in the previous twelve months. In summary, the year has been successful both on and off the green with keeping the club in good heart and it is in a good position to go forward in the future.

Administration: At the last Annual General Meeting the new Constitution was confirmed by members and subsequently we were able to re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Also elected at the annual meeting was our newest life member of the club, Sandra Coombe, who joins the existing five current life members. This was a particular fitting acknowledgement for the work Sandra has done around the club over many years.

At the first meeting of Board members, following the annual meeting, I was re-elected chairman, a position held in addition to being the elected treasurer of the club. All the other Board members were re-elected and we welcomed a new member to the board, Lorna Donald.

Members will be aware that we are occupiers of the Auckland Council land under a lease arrangement and our current lease expired in April 2025. We have provided all the information requested in order to have the lease extended as occupiers of the land. A new lease is in the hands of Auckland Council as to when this will be completed.

Membership: There has been a small decline in full membership numbers, but on the other hand the casual playing numbers have increased as more people in the future look to shorter competition days and more social play. It was a special day in August 2025 for the club to acknowledge John Miles turning 100 years old. John has been a member for well over forty years and up until quite recently was a frequent player at the club.

We congratulate the members of our club who were selected into the Bowls North Harbour representative teams this season. They included –

Premier Men – David Payne

Premier Women – Elaine McClintock, Theresa Rogers

Development Women – Judi Farkash, Glenda Rountree

1-5 Men – Barry Baillie

1-5 Year Women – Julie Chhour, Jodie Cottier

Bowling activity: As already mentioned, the success of our Inter Club teams at the Centre was the outstanding result for the season. The men's and women's teams went through to

Wellington to compete in the national finals for the event, with the men finishing fourth in their section and the women fifth in their section. Unfortunately neither team qualified for post section playoff.

At the beginning of the season a “Have a Go” day was organised and this met with good success and support on the day with a large number of people turning up. Unfortunately, this number did not all turn out to become members during the season, but the success was in introducing the sport to an increasing audience of local people, who in the future may become our members. A further event is planned for the coming season.

Our Business House bowls season under the leadership of Stuart Jamieson, continues to boom with an extension of playing days added to the regular season both before and after the Christmas break to cater for the extra teams who cannot get into the main draw. This event continues to demonstrate that more players enjoy the social atmosphere of the sport with shorten games and time.

This season appears to have had more than its share of lost bowling days with rain, in particular, flooding the grass greens and rendering them unplayable on a number of occasions. This had the effect of shortening the season in playing on the grass but the carpet green became a good option. However, having noted that, the club competitions have all been completed.

A notable project was also brought to life with a new uniform bowling shirt encompassing a new design and material. For this we are indebted to Harcourts, who have provided sponsorship for the project thus enabling members to purchase these new shirts at very reasonable cost. Seeing greens full of members wearing the new shirts has provided a new light for the club. Thank you to secretary, Russell Parkinson, for all his work in this area.

Social activity: There were the usual regular social bowling events held through the season which attracts, in particular, one side of our membership, mainly the Limited and Business House Plus members. These events provide an opportunity for all members to join together and it would be welcome to have more of our full time bowlers participate in these club activities.

During the early part of the season a Friday night social get together was tried to give our social membership, particularly those from the Fishing club and Surf club, a chance to mingle in a social club atmosphere. Unfortunately these evenings were not well enough supported and lapsed with the lack of support. A social evening with the Tennis club was also held but again had limited support.

Maintenance: Keeping the property and club house in respectable order is an ongoing mission for the Board. Recently we have had a building warrant of fitness audit undertaken by Auckland Council and there were two exit doors which did not meet the required standard. The locks on these doors have been replaced to meet the requirements and gain Building Warrant of Fitness standard.

The major project this past twelve months was the renovation carried out to the carpet green and this should see its life extended for a number of years. A special general meeting was held for members to approve this expenditure as a capital item thus providing for the expenditure to be treated as depreciation over the next ten years.

The wind and protection netting around the carpet green was also renewed, and extended, to try and give more shelter and minimise the effect of the rubbish which is blown onto the carpet green. As part of this discussion with Auckland Council we were able to welcome a number of members from the Local Community Board to see the problem we face first hand.

Finance: Financially, one could say the Club is in good heart. Our profit and loss for the year shows a loss of \$5,700, but this is after depreciation of \$22k and a \$20k provision for carpet green renewal, have been taken out of the income. We have had a particularly good year for obtaining grants income to cover off the bulk of the maintenance around the club. Elsewhere, income and expenses fairly met the budget expectation.

A summary of our income and expenses is provided with this report and further detailed information can be obtained from the Performance Report.

Summary: The Board notes that a number of our members contribute willingly to maintain and service the ongoing activities necessary to keep the club in good shape. We express our thanks to those members, particularly those elected to the Board and those who manage and supervise club activities. These members contribute a great deal and without them the club would stagnate. We need more members to contribute to the success of the Club in this way and I encourage you all to consider how you can support the club, and the activities provided, to keep up the momentum to have a successful bowling club in Mairangi Bay. We need you!!

For and on behalf of the Board:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tony Popplewell', written in a cursive style.

May 2026

Tony Popplewell, Chairman.