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Member update from the committee

9th March 2025

The 2024/2025 OBC committee has completed nine of the twelve months of its tenure, and has had major hurdles to overcome, but we have tackled the problems head on.

One of the key roles of the Boat Club committee is to ensure the financial sustainability of the Club. The Club has been experiencing lower returns in the past two financial years due to several environmental factors beyond any committee's control. It has been time to look robustly at our operations to see if we can make efficiency savings for genuine business reasons.

Financial and operational sustainability is part of good governance practice, and changes have been necessary for the Club. Part of our due diligence has been to review the Club operations and to consider any suggestions that staff may have had, based on their observations of trading patterns and customer demand periods. The Committee is supportive of Club staff, and we acknowledge that staff are an asset to the Club.

By switching our accounts to Omokoroa Accounting and Taxation we have remained local financially, which has enabled us to have easy access to accounting matters. It has been easier for us to seek advice, and to identify and monitor our financial position. Thank you to Diane Gill.

Alongside routine fiscal management and bookkeeping by the treasurer and accountant, committee members have analysed key financial indicators from 2018 to the present, with particular attention to 2023/24 and the year to date. This scrutiny has been referred back to the Club's accountant, who has confirmed the accuracy of our findings.

We understand our financial position a lot more clearly now and have been working to rectify the situation. Basically, turnover has been down, expenses and wages up, and the Club has been losing money at an unacceptable rate which has been jeopardising its future survival.

Therefore we voted unanimously to undertake a review process in consultation with staff, which has led to the difficult but again unanimous decision to implement a new structure, under which the Club Manager's almost full time position has been disestablished on sustainability grounds.

As part of a 5-step process, staff were offered meetings and the opportunity to provide feedback verbally and in writing. Staff were given notice of a proposed restructure and to express interest in three permanent part time roles that the committee felt were more affordable for the Club. No expressions of interest were received in the Office Administrator's role from existing staff. Subsequently, a part time Office Administrator's position will be advertised this week.

It is projected that the role changes will save the club some \$30,000 of staffing costs per annum

. This year, the committee has settled invoices, undertaken major long term repairs and maintenance, and has reduced accounting costs. We have also reduced the honoraria from \$41,000 last financial year to a projected approximately \$3,500 of a new \$12,000 limit this year.

Further, we have reviewed operations such as bar purchasing, carbon dioxide suppliers, and we have stopped the hireage of indoor decorative plants costing \$1,500 per year.

Insurances are now being reviewed.

Additional advice has been given to the committee by Socialink at 17th Ave at no cost to the Club or its members

The committee has a great many ideas including those from staff that it is working through and pursuing, but many are long term and will require planning and constitutional change, such as possible membership of Clubs NZ, and other ways to increase patronage and income.

We acknowledge the outgoing Club Manager for some 15 years of service to the Club. The recessionary trading environment and competition from a wide range of hospitality and meal option providers have led us to take this action, to give the Club its best chance of survival.

The most important thing now is for hundreds of sleeper members to return to supporting the club, which offers a great value range of drinks and meals as well as the opportunity to eat and drink directly over the water - which must be close to unique in New Zealand.

The committee will continue working in the best interests of members and the club, and it would be great to know that members also want to see the club to remain part of the community.

On behalf of The OBC Committee,

*Ian Blunt
Commodore*

OMOKOROA BOAT CLUB

ANNUAL DUCK, ROWING & PADDLING RACES

23RD MARCH 2025

**DUCKS ON SALE AT THE OBC BAR
\$5.00 PER DUCK**

**MALE, FEMALE AND JUNIOR
DIVISIONS DEPENDING ON NUMBERS
AND AVAILABILITY OF CRAFT.**

**REGISTER AT BAR FOR ROWING,
PADDLEBOARD AND KAYAK RACES**

NO HIGH TECH SKIFFS OR KAYAKS

RIB CREWS NEEDED (6)





MEMBERSHIP DRAW & RAFFLES

MEMBERS NIGHT THURSDAY NIGHT

MEMBERSHIP DRAW

7PM DRAW \$850

6PM DRAW \$40

MUST BE HERE TO WIN
DRAWN EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7PM

LAST WEEKS NUMBERS DRAWN

#830

#199

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HAPPY HOUR

THURSDAY &
SATURDAY

5:00-6:00PM

A cartoon illustration of a chef with a large white hat and a white double-breasted jacket with red piping. The chef has a friendly expression with large blue eyes and a smile. The background is a light, textured grey.

MEMBERS SPECIALS

Thursday Evening Only & Subject to Availability

MEMBERS FISH AND CHIPS \$23 MP INCLUDED

Served with fries, aioli, small salad and lemon.

BURGERS : MP INCLUDED \$20

Members BEEF BURGER

Beef patty, cheese, bacon, lettuce, mayo, tomato, and side of fries

Members fish burger

Battered fish fillet, lettuce, mayo, tomato, and a side of fries

PIZZAS \$20

Cheese Lovers, Margarita and Pepperoni

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Evening Only & Subject to Availability

PORK BELLY (MP included \$35)

Served with mashed potato, green vegetables, crackling and apple sauce

BABY PORK RIBS (MP included \$35)

Tender baby ribs served with our special Porkorosso barbecue sauce, salad and fries

CHICKEN BREAST - GF (MP Included \$33)

Served with creamy mushrooms, bacon, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

MOROCCAN LAMB SHOULDER - GF (MP included \$35)

Served with creamy Moroccan sauce topped with cranberry coulee, seasonal vegetables, and mashed potatoes

SALADS

MOROCCAN CHICKEN THIGH SALAD (MP included \$32)

MORROCAN LAMB SALAD (MP included \$33)

MP = Member Price



VENUE HIRE

**"We offer a great venue with huge deck
for your function."**

Family Reunions

Weddings

Anniversaries

Cocktail and Canape Parties

Society/Groups (eg Mahjong)

Memorials

Training

Engagement Parties

Birthdays

Dinner parties

After match function

Fundraisers

Corporate Meetings

Seminars

All enquiries to the Bar Manager:

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LOUNGE-BAR - DECK - AUDIO/VISUAL-CATERING





**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 4PM
TRY OUR COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK**



*Friday Night
Cocktail*

MARGARITA

Classic - \$11

***THIS SUNDAY AT THE
BOAT CLUB***



**TO CELEBRATE AN EARLY
ST PATRICK'S DAY
(AS WE ARE CLOSED MONDAY)
HAPPY HOUR 5-6PM THIS
SUNDAY**



FORMULA 1 - Australian Grand Prix

Come and watch Liam Lawson's Full Season Debut

LIVE on the BIG SCREEN this Sunday
Racing starts at 5pm



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