



AGM Pack

12th Annual AGM

Wednesday 15th April 2026

Tui Hunter Lounge

Badminton Wellington

1 Ruahine Street, Kilbirnie

Agenda

- **Apologies**
- **Confirmation of minutes from 11th annual AGM (16 April 2025)**
- **Co-Chairs' Report**
- **Financial Report**
- **Social Co-ordinator's Report**
- **Membership Update**
- **Confirmation of Committee members**
- **General Business**

Board Report – Co Chairs

Kia ora e hoa mā,

It is always personally a great pleasure for me to write this report for our club. We have certainly come a very long way over the 12 years we've been around and I think it is really important for us all to celebrate and take pride in the fact that we, as individuals and as a club, continue to grow and develop as an organisation that supports our Rainbow Community here in Te Whanganui a Tara, Wellington.

This last year has been another busy and successful one for our club, with teams taking part in the Aotearoa Rainbow Inter-Club (here in Wellington in 2025), and our biggest team ever (so far!) attended the Trans-Tasman Tournament in Sydney in November 2025. A good time was had by all, and although we didn't walk away with a lot of medals, it seemed like everyone did better than they thought they would, which is always encouraging! Well done to everyone who took part. It is exciting to see the level of ability improve in the club, at all levels, and it looks like we will have even more teams entering in all grades in 2026 in Tamaki Makaurau!

Our recent internal tournament on the 21st of March had 22 teams, 8 in each of A and B, and 6 in C grade. It was a very successful tournament, with lots of very close matches. 10 out of the 14 matches in B grade went to 3 games, an indicator of the high level of competition and the close ability of the teams involved. A fantastic effort by everyone involved.

The club continues to grow into one of the largest and most successful sport and recreation clubs for LGBTQI+ folk here in Wellington. We also continue to consistently book out 7 courts in the hall on Wednesdays and Sundays. This is an immense achievement and something that all of us can be very proud of. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work to keep the club running over the last year. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of you, the folk who come along to play every Wednesday and/or Sunday, for making the club the very special, social, and inclusive place that it is, it wouldn't be what it is without all of you, and what you bring to the club, so thanks for coming along and taking part!

Looking ahead to 2026/27, we're looking to restart our training sessions, and I will be trying to run more regular Grade Review sessions this year. As the Auckland Feathers are hosting the TTT this year, we will host the Aotearoa Rainbow Inter-Club again this year, on Saturday July 18th – pop the date in your calendar. As I said earlier, the annual Trans-Tasman Tournament will be hosted by Auckland Feathers this year, on the 31st of October, and the event is almost sold out already as I write this (at the end of March).

Some club members will be doing Sweat With Pride again in June this year, so please jump in and support them in whatever way you can!

We are also looking to clarify our membership structure this year. This will help streamline communications and give us a solid idea of who our members are. The current structure will not

change very much, the main thing being that there will be a small annual 'membership fee', which people will renew each year. There are more details about this in a special Membership Paper in this AGM pack, please have a read.

The Club remains in a healthy state financially, however the committee remains aware that costs are continuing to rise, court hire has gone up, and the cost of shuttles is constantly increasing. We endeavour to pass on as little cost to everyone as we can and will reinvest surplus club funds back into the club in a variety of ways. For example, the internal tournament in May was subsidised by the Club so that the entry fee could remain low (\$15), we will look to subsidise other events and activities throughout the year to make things as affordable as possible for our members.

There's lots going on this year, and I encourage everyone to take part in whatever you can, as often as you can. Go on, give it a go!

As always, feel free to approach any of the committee members at any time if you have any comments, ideas, or any other issues. We are here to help. Thanks again for your continued support of the club, we appreciate you all being part of the Racqueteers Team!

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa,

Craig & Michelle
Co-Chairs

Financial report

End of Year Financial Summary, 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

The club remains in a sound financial position, with a surplus of \$7,896.91 over the year.

However, cost pressures are continuing, with regular increases in the cost of shuttlecocks.

We were able to undertake a full social programme during the year, with tournaments and a range of social events during the year. For most events, the Committee agreed that the cost to attend would be below the actual cost, in order to encourage participation.

Financial Details for year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Expense Breakdown

Court Fees	21,377.00
Shuttles	12,258.94
Social outlays	5,749.05
Medals and Trophies	1,004.00
Software and website	101.00
Other expenses	19.01
	40,509.00

Income Breakdown

Annual Subs	10,870.00
Monthly Subs	11,922.00
Casual Fees/Tournament Fees	23,878.13
Social Fees	1,350.00
Donations (Urge cloakroom)	345.50
Other income	40.28
	48,405.91

Surplus 7,896.91

Opening Balance (1 April 2025) 5,805.89

Closing Balance (31 March 2026) 13,702.80

James Sergeant

Treasurer

Social Coordinator Report May 2025 - April 2026

It has been another busy year for the social side of the club! Some of the monthly social activities this year included a group cat cafe visit, a beach picnic (ruined by the weather!), BYO dogs to ParrotDog, an attempt at ice skating, as well as various drinks, nibbles and dinners. However, after getting off to a good start with a big dinner in June at Fujiyama Teppanyaki, attendance at social events swiftly dropped, rarely being more than 6-8 attendees at any given event each month.



While it has been a little disappointing and not quite how I pictured things would go, I understand it has been a challenging environment this year for many with the cost of living crisis, and other social activities around Wellington sometimes clashing with our own. A big thank you to all the folks who did make it to social events and supported this side of the club outside of play times. Your presence was appreciated!

Outside of these monthly social events, we also had our Christmas party at The Grand, with the usual awards and jovial celebrations. The club put on platters and drinks for attendees which were appreciated. Our tournament-based socials this year included last August's interclub welcome drinks and after party, as well as gathering at S&Ms after our most recent internal tournament in March.

Friends/Whānau		
	Wellington Racquetees	Raised \$7,177
	Uni Rainbow Staff Network	Raised \$5,170
	Sparkly Green Unicorns	Raised \$4,984

Last June, we also took part in Sweat with Pride! As a club team, we ended up with 6 members (Craig Atkins, Lydia Bestul, James Sergeant, Ben Carter, Alan Wendt and myself). Together we raised a total of \$7,177 for supporting our rainbow whānau through charities the Burnett Foundation, Rainbow Youth and InsideOUT, and we came first out of the

“Friends and Whānau” teams - ka mau te wehi!

This year we also attended both the pride parade and Out in the City. Many thanks to Jaime Bonnett, Eilish Baine and David Russell for representing the Racquetees at the Rainbow Teams Wellington stall at Out in the City on 15 March, and for everyone who joined us to walk together in the parade!



Additionally, a big shout out to Kaz Robin for running super successful Takatāpui Wāhine nights this year, and their associated post-play social gatherings which have proven very popular, and been well attended!



2025/2026

Due to my work commitments increasing exponentially this year, I will be stepping down from the social coordinator role at this 2026 AGM, so a big thanks to those of you who supported our social events this year! I look forward to going back to my supporting role for the rest of this year.

- *Hanna Jackson, Social Coordinator*

New Membership Structure

This year we are updating our membership structure to get a clearer picture of who are members of the club. This will also allow us to track and send more targeted information to 'club members' as we will have a dedicated list of who those people are.

We are introducing an annual 'Club Membership' fee of \$30 to become a member of Wellington Racqueteers. The new membership year will run from February to Dec/Jan (which we treat as 1 month because of the Christmas closure). A person can become a member of the club by paying the club membership fee at any point during the calendar year.

The current annual membership fee will become an 'Annual Club Play' fee and this automatically includes club membership as part of the fee, from 2027 the Annual Club Play fee will be able to be purchased at any point during the year – but it is only valid for that calendar year and will have to be renewed from February the following year.

Benefits of becoming a 'Club Member':

- Only club members can use the 'pay monthly' option (\$35/\$50 for 1 or 2 days' play per week).
- Club member casual rate of \$12.50 per session

New non-member casual rate will be \$15 per session.

We are not increasing the 2025 rates in 2026, apart from the introduction of the new non-member casual rate. Current annual memberships that are due in 2026 will be pro-rata (at the 2025 rate) until the end of the 2026 membership year, so they will be \$345 for 2 days play per week and \$245 for 1 day's play per week, which covers you until the end of January 2027. These will only be available until the 31 May 2026.

From February 2027 – January 2028, Annual Club Play fees will be \$460 (2 days play/week) and \$330 (1 day's play/week).

We are committed to keeping costs to a minimum, and our club remains exceptionally competitively priced compared to others.

Confirmation of Committee Members

Continuing Committee Members:

- Co-Chair (Sport) – Craig Atkins
- Co-Chair (Community) – Michelle Willis
- Treasurer – James Sergeant
- Secretary – Lee Mojado

Continuing General Committee Members:

- Kaz Ng
- Ben Carter

Committee vacancies:

- Social Co-ordinator
- 1x General Committee Member

The Committee would like to express their immense gratitude to Hanna Jackson for all her hard work as the Social Co-ordinator over the last year – we appreciate you very much!

If you think you would like to be part of the Committee for either of the above vacant roles, please chat to Craig (or any other committee member) at a Club session, or message/email us to let us know of your interest so we can have a chat about what the roles entail.

Nominations for the two vacant positions will close on Wednesday 8 April at 5pm.

General Business