

2026 President's Report - Philip Secker

2025 was a full year with even more events added to the calendar. We see this continuing again for 2026.

The Executive Committee continued from the previous year with a total of 12 members. This is an excellent result for a club whereby the committee members believe in the well-being and future of the club and are willing to continue committing their own time from their busy lives to keeping it going. With this number of members we were able to spread the load and keep on top of things (e.g. juniors, website, photos, café, archives).

We do have two resignations which we will address later when we vote on the new committee. One of these is Belinda, a long-standing committee member and current Vice President. Belinda has done a great job and will continue to be closely involved with Women's United. Thanks also to Andrew Smith who kept an eye on Fundraising. We want to continue to bring in more people, especially General Committee Members, which have a low level of commitment.

A special thanks goes to all the helpers, whether it's applying for grants, running the café/bar, or marshalling races — it's all necessary and much appreciated. Louise Poland is a great example. The club has profited by many thousands of dollars through her funding applications, most of which are successful. As you will see from our Treasurer's report, the club breaks even and has a healthy bank balance.

Club membership is one area where we must remain vigilant. Year on year we have been increasing our membership, and this year we again achieved high membership, around the 2015 levels and nearly twice that of 2020. Initiatives like the Women's United running club, a very good website and Facebook presence, and great communications have certainly helped. For this to continue, we need members to keep extending personal invitations, as this generally leads to people joining and staying.

Our major event, the Remutaka Rail Trail, was again successful. As we will go on to show, this will result in fees similar to previous years. Huge thanks to Phil Broughton, Gary Spierling, and the organising sub-committee for their hard work and dedication.

The Moonshine Relay was a major showcase for our club and will likely carry on as an interclub points event. Thanks to Stephen and Bethany for helping to make this happen.

The NZCIS is locked in for 2026 and we are applying for funding for it. Big thanks to Darryl for his continued coaching support.

Outside of club events, we still see a lot of participation in half and full marathons and some big trail events, including a lot of great 50k and 100k races..

Stephen (Club Captain) will talk about the club's racing successes across the board, from Senior to Junior, in both running and walking.

Thanks, Philip Secker