

The 2023 year was a great year for the club with no interruptions to a very full program.

The Executive committee increased from the previous year of 9 to a total of 13 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 carry on 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 (eg. juniors, website, photos, cafe, archives).

Most of the current executive members have indicated they are willing to stand again which is remarkable for clubs now-a-days. We want to continue to blood more people, especially General Committee Members which have a low level of commitment.

A special thanks goes to all the helpers, whether it's from applying for grants, running the cafe/bar or just marshalling races it's all necessary and much appreciated.

Club membership is the one area that we must be vigilant towards. Full-membership clubs suffer as people opt for pay-as-you-go type events without commitment. Last year we had the biggest membership since 2017. Initiatives like the Women's United running club and a very good website/Facebook and great communications have certainly helped. One of the best ways to attract more permanent club members is by personal invitation. The committee has a standing item on its agenda to attract new members but really, it's the role of everyone in the club to spread the word.

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 Tania Lister for handing over to Phil Broughton and Gary Spierling and the organising sub-committee for the hard work and dedication. Note that grants were obtained from Trusthouse and the Upper Hutt council.

A big highlight for me was obtaining use of the NZCIS facility over Winter. This has changed the indoor training program by a huge amount, and I am pleased that we have locked it in for 2024 and indeed have funding for it. Thanks Lou and the TAB!

Stephen (Club Captain) will talk about the club racing successes across the board from Senior to Junior over running and walking.

A major highlight for me was to see the 5th edition of the (modern) annual Club Trip over Waitangi Weekend. Catering mainly to the trail-running enthusiasts, we had nine members, and their families return to the central mountains and do the Northern Circuit or a shorter route.

Thanks

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