



# **Annual Report 2012**

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2012

It has been a very busy year for the Committee this year with a lot of organising various events, and away runs, and collecting lots of ideas on how to improve the Club moving forward. I am very lucky to have had such a great enthusiastic bunch and younger members to help me with my busy role, and fabulous new ideas. I have enjoyed my year as President and have learnt a lot, and I have enjoyed the experience, and the challenge. Unfortunately with my Rock n Roll dancing and competing, I have decided to step down as President.

Thank you very much to the Committee: Mark Potter, Mark Newlands, Janette Gwilliam, Brendan Quirke, Tony Plowman, and Geoff Laws. You have worked very hard this year and it is much appreciated, I couldn't have done my Presidents position without you all.

Stepping down from our Committee are the following:

A big Thank you to Tony Plowman who is always there if you need help with anything, and I am sure we will help Tony with The Pelorus Trust as he becomes Race Director. I have enjoyed working with him, always a great help, and will go that extra mile. Good Luck with your new role.

Brendan Quirke will be missed as our financial man. He is very efficient with the payments, and very quick with organising everything in a timely manner. At times he has held his breath on some issues, and we will miss his sense of humour when it comes to spending money. Thank you very much Brendan for all your help in balancing the cheque book, you have done an excellent job.

We have achieved a lot this year with a very small Committee all working very hard to grow the membership and please our members. We have lots of fantastic ideas but need more help from our members. Please join the Committee and play your part in helping your Hutt Valley Marathon Clinic be bigger and better. We need your help.

We have lots of away trips this year, some fabulous scenery, somewhere different runs/walks, always well received by our members and yummy cakes and coffee. Thank you to all the Committee for the organization, and planning.

I spent time this year learning about the Pelorus Trust 5k series and the Half Marathon Event, and realised what a lot of work goes into the event. Without this event the Marathon Clinic would be lost without the money we get for our Club. Thank you to Ken for doing such a marvellous job as Race Director and thank you to all our members, family and friends that helped us on the day!

I look forward to working with the New Committee

*Jenny Raymond.*

## CAPTAINS REPORT

Some great things have been accomplished over the past twelve months, and we have also begun laying some important foundations on which to build. Finding the right ways to develop our club for the future remains our biggest challenge.

Back in February we launched our new website [www.hvmc.org.nz](http://www.hvmc.org.nz). This is a great tool, and should serve us well for many years to come. While some useful information has been uploaded already, we have only begun to scratch the surface of what it can do. It has been designed with two main objectives in mind: provide information and services to members, and promote our club to the community. It has a range of useful functions including: photo gallery, events diary and online payment. Development continues, with improvements and new areas being regularly added. Keep an eye out for online membership renewal for 2013.

One area we have focussed on this year has been more 'away runs'. Travelling to nearby 'new' locations has been great fun, and a welcome change. Along with some old favourites (such as the Rimutaka Incline and the Bucket Tree) new destinations have included Raumati Beach, the Miramar Peninsula and the Skyline track above Karori. By car sharing we have been able keep the costs down, so have been able to buy coffee and cake afterwards - a great social aspect. Please let us know if you have any ideas of new places or are able to help organise future trips.

As a club, we face a range of challenges. While running is becoming increasingly popular, people also now have broader preferences and also more choices about how they do it. Our success at defining a niche for ourselves will determine whether we grow strongly and are successful.

To focus our future efforts it is crucial that we are clear about our goals, and what the club stands for. Clear goals will allow us to develop initiatives that make a big difference, and grow the club in the best way. The views of current members are a vital part in forming our future. There will be a number of ways to get involved, including a survey and a workshop. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

Finally I'd like to acknowledge the huge lengths that Jenny Raymond has gone to over the past year as President, often assisted by Adrian. Her energy and hard work has been the driving factor behind many of our successful activities.

*Mark Potter*

## **RACE DIRECTORS REPORT**

### *Pelorus Trust Half Marathon*

This year we were lucky with the weather and had a sunny day with rain 12 hours either side of the event. Entries were about 50 up on last year, with over 950 entries and about 100 no shows on the day. We had the Prize Giving at the Empire Table Tennis Club at the earlier time of 12 noon, while some of the Club were cleaning up race HQ.

### *Sponsorship*

Our major sponsors were Pelorus Trust (\$10,000), House of Travel (\$500 travel voucher which we matched with another \$500), Shoe Clinic/Brooks (shoe vouchers/ vests for 5km series) and Sealord (thanks to Geoff). Pak N' Save gave us a cheap price for the drinks, and free muesli bars. Most of the other sponsors from last year did the same again for the minor spot prizes.

Hopefully, that ongoing relationship will continue so the prizes are set in place from one year to the next.

### *Business House and Schools*

We discontinued the schools trophy but kept the spot prize for students. Scots College competed once again plus a few kids from Wainuiomata High (we subsidised them). The business entries increased with the ANZ Bank winning the trophy but much more interest than last year. Kimiora School we also subsidised for the 5km but it was good to see them and parents helping out.

### *The Committee*

Comprised Mark Potter, Janette Gwilliam, Tony Plowman, Paul Richardson, Barbara Rapp, Vaughan Clark and Kathy Lys. They all did a great job and our thanks to them all. Thanks to all Club members for their work on the Saturday and Sunday that made the race a success.

A particular thanks to Tony Plowman who was my assistant this year and I am sure will do a good job as Race Director next year. And to Janette Gwilliam who decided she would input all the entries into the timing system herself!

The race itself went well with course records in the women's 10km and half marathon. The support from members of Athletics Wellington (referees, judges) and in particular Tony McKone who helped out with the Timing System.

### *5km Series*

Janette Gwilliam (with help from Mark Newlands) took over the running of the series and Shoe Clinic/Brooks once again were the major sponsor. Thanks also to MacPac, Crossfit gym and Ian Morton for minor prizes. We used the same gym as a base and invested in some flood lights. Thanks to all those who helped out on the night. Next year we could look at changing the gym and maybe which night.

*Ken Howell*