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Wednesday 14 February - Greens Closed, Club Day Cancelled - No Play Today

We Lose A Friend

Birkenhead lost a very dear friend last Sunday morning. Bill Plunkett passed away peacefully with the dignity and grace such a gentleman deserves. His contribution and commitment to many community trusts and associations is enormously valued and appreciated. Since 1998 Bill has served as President of the Birkenhead Licensing Trust. Over the years The Birkenhead Bowling Club have been fortunate to have benefited greatly from the support the Birkenhead Licensing Trust has given.

An active Rotarian, Bill was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1996. He relished his role as a NZ marriage celebrant. Ministerial appointments include membership of the Lottery Community Facilities Committee and trusteeship on the ASB Community Trust. In 2012 Bill was elected by the members of the Bowling Club to be invited to become a Patron of the Club and stand beside Hon Dr Johnathan Coleman. Bill accepted the Club's invitation and has remained a Patron. Bill attended various social events at the Club with wife Yvette by his side. The band & dance nights were not Bill's thing, but they were Yvette's, so Bill had to attend and stay. Bill fought the past few years with dignity and pride. We are saddened by his passing but his work in the community will continue for some time to come. The Club has been fortunate to have had a man of Bill's stature as a member and friend. He will be sadly missed and never forgotten, one of life's true gentlemen.



Bill Plunkett JP, officiating at a wedding

The Club retains a strong link with the Licensing Trust through Licensing Trustee and Birkenhead Bowling Club member Shane Prince, who Bill spoke very highly of. The relationship between the Bowling Club and the Good Home (formerly The Slipp Inn) was encouraged by Bill and has been valuable in running and managing various aspects of our Club bar.

A service for Bill will be held at the North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Rd Albany on Friday, 16 February 2018 at 12:30pm followed by a private cremation. Communications c/- PO Box 302 524 North Harbour 0751.



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The Trusts NZ Open

Qualifying in this year's The Trusts NZ Open got underway last Saturday and after three days, the first two played in wet conditions, the participants for the main draws, singles, pairs and triples, were found.

Birkenhead's Jerry Belcher and Doug Parlane made the main draw for The Trust's Men's Singles. Both Jerry and Doug went out first round. Jerry to Dwayne Cameron (Hinuera) and Doug to Alistar Watson (Clyde).

The Birkenhead pair of Robbie Hensen and Jack Huriwai made the main draw of the Ryman Healthcare Men's Pairs. They are drawn to play Ian Lewis, Brett Dick (Opononi) first up at 10.15am this morning..

The weeks play culminates in the finals on Saturday and Sunday. The club will be open from 9.30am both days showing the finals live on the screen.

Entry & Tickets Available

Entry and tickets are available for all the tournaments and events celebrating the club's 75th Jubilee over Easter 2018.

Entry forms are available from the club (over where the championship entry boards are) or the club's website. All tournaments offer team and single entry options and are open to all, members of other clubs are welcome.

There is something for everyone during the five days of celebration.

Thursday 29 March

Jubilee \$1,000 2-4-2 Pairs (Open Any Combination Pairs - mufti - half day)

Jubilee 70s vr 80s

Jubilee Meet & Greet

Jubilee Quiz Night

Friday 30 March

Jubilee \$5,000 Classic (Open Any Combination Fours - playing fours & pairs) - day 1 of 2

Club Night - Raffles, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Live Music – The Love Jones - *ticketed event*

Saturday 31 March

Jubilee \$5,000 Classic (OACF) - day 2 of 2

Jubilee Classic Prize Giving

Evening - A chance to catch your breath, chill out, socialise in the club, Live sport on the screens (7.30pm Roosters v Warriors).

Sunday 1 April

Jubilee \$1,000 Triples (Open Any Combination Triples)

75th Jubilee Gala Black Tie Dinner & Mermaids Dance Band - *ticketed event*

Monday 2 April

Jubilee \$600 Social Bowls Afternoon (mufti - half day)

End of Celebrations BBQ

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Club Membership & Joker Draws

Club Membership & Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Club membership drawn between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize (members have two minutes to make themselves known to the draw caller).

Joker 500, numbers on sale from 5pm - 6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at 6.15pm. The purchaser of that winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receive the corresponding prize with the top prize being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday.

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Birkenhead Licensing Trust". Although not a sponsor, but with the Trust's support over the years the club has benefited from many grants.

Source <http://www.birkenheadlicensingtrust.org.nz>

The Trust is a net proceeds-committee of the Lion Foundation and is responsible for approving grant funding to the local community groups in Birkenhead and surrounding areas from gaming funds generated by Lion Foundation.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust was established in 1967 after voters decided that the Birkenhead Council area should change from 'dry' to 'wet' under the control of a licensing trust.

In 1970 the Birkenhead Trust Hotel was opened, with catering facilities designed to cater for all locals.

A period of expansion was followed by the economic slump of the late 1980s, the recipe for a loss-making enterprise. In 1992 the trust hotel complex was sold and only the wholesale outlet retained.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust then sat for a number of years, accumulating revenue through the wholesale outlet and distributing interest accrued to local community groups. Meanwhile local licensing reins were loosened, allowing other operators to apply for licenses.

In the interim the Trust sought other suitable sites. In 2002 the Slipp Inn Pub had been opened by Allen Vaughan, who had a long history with Lion Breweries. In 2006 the Trust approached Mr Vaughan with an offer to buy the Slipp Inn, as it seemed a good fit for several reasons: the Trust is a net-proceeds committee of the Lion Foundation; grant funding to the local community comes from funds generated by Lion Foundation; the Trust was already the pub's landlord; the pub fitted the family-friendly ideal of the Trust; and the gambling facility was a source of revenue. The Pub undertook extensive renovations and was reborn as "The Good Home Birkenhead"

But, you ask, what is the difference between a Trust operation and a private or brewery-owned enterprise? Well, all profits from bar and restaurant sales and gaming proceeds are distributed in the local community through the Lion Foundation, rather than going into a big national pool for distribution nationally. As Mr Vaughan points out, "The Trust does a lot of good in the community, it is not self-rewarding or ruled by self-interest, there are no paid directorships, and all six trustees are chosen by the electorate in the local body elections. As a result close to \$1 million annually has gone back into the community in recent years."

The Trust also owns the Glenfield pub Inn Field; revenues go back into the Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote areas from both establishments.

