

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 41 CLUB NEW ZEALAND 2012

Hello fellow 41'ers

Another year has gone by and one has to wonder if that as you get older the years seem to go by ever quicker.

The year has been one of two halves really; relatively quiet in the first half but quite eventful in the second but more about that later in the report.

We continue to have around 320 members all up but sadly this year we have seen the demise of one club (Gore) and Ashburton have elected not to be a part of National but are still operating as a club. It's sad to see clubs "leaving the fold" so to speak, but it is important to note that anyone can remain as a "member at large".

Looking towards the future I think that it is important that we seriously look at how we can attract "old Tablers" into the Association. Should we be sticking the odd advert in the local paper for example to remind people that we operate or have a "sit down" and go back through time and compile a list of "past" Round Tablers that are still in the district and invite them along.

I have had a brief conversation with the National President of Round Table New Zealand who is quite keen to foster a closer relationship with 41 clubs.

If you think about it, it could be a two way street; we get retiring Round Tablers to join us and we can feed family members into Round Table. There are a number of Round Tables throughout the country who have members that are well past their age limit and we should be looking at these people very closely so if you have a Round Table in your area please endeavor to make contact. One suggestion that came from their President was that we could consider holding the Conventions in the same place at the same time, food for thought.

Now for the exciting bit!!!! About 6 months ago Derek was approached by Carsten Fink from Denmark who will be the International President in 2014. Carsten was eager to know if New Zealand 41 club would be interested in hosting the International Half Yearly Meeting in 2014 and I have to admit that this took us by some surprise as these meetings are quite highly sought after.

The initial reaction of the National Executive was that it was probably out of our capabilities and we were not prepared to put the 41 Clubs limited resources at risk, however!!! after taking a step back and talking to various people both here and overseas it became apparent that we could do it.

So to cut a long story short and after doing some careful financial planning in conjunction with Scenic Circle hotels we decided to go for it!!

We prepared a presentation for Chris White to give to the recent international AGM in Chennai (India) and we were delighted when we found out that we had been awarded it. You will hear more about this later on this year.

I would take this opportunity to thank my Executive for their help and support during the year and particularly Derek Johns, our IRO and tour leader, for his untiring efforts on behalf of the 41 Club.

Finally, I have been honoured to have served as your President this year and look forward to continuing until convention 2013.

Yours in 41 Club,

ANDY WRIGHTON