

## **WAIRIO TROTTING CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024**

On behalf of the Wairio Trotting Club Committee I would like to thank our sponsors and members for your continued support and assistance which contributes to making our two race meetings successful. Also thank you to the fantastic team in the office at Southern Harness Racing; Jason Broad, Julie McEwan-Franks, Nicole Elliott and Lindsay Beer for their hard work and support, and for keeping us on track.

Since stepping in as the President in April I would like to thank my Committee for their support so far, as I find my feet in this new role. I look forward to working alongside you all as your President going forward. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Immediate Past President Rowena Mackintosh for her efforts in this role.

Financially, I am happy to report that the club has recorded a surplus of \$3,418 which is up on last years smaller surplus of \$613.

A date transfer saw our Cup meeting change from the end of January to early February, this was to enable the Riverton Trotting Club to return to its home and race on the grass track at the Riverton Racecourse.

We hosted two memorial races this season to honour Brian Barclay and Tony Stevens. Brian's colours are still worn on our Kidz Kartz horse Takitimu Terror and Tony's family are heavily involved in the local harness racing industry in ownership, training and as committee members.

'Tact McLeod' kept the Otautau Four Square Supermarket Wairio Cup local for Diane Dynes and Trevor Proctor, he is trained by Trevor and was driven by Blair Orange.

Another highlight of the season was presenting Earl Drake with his Life Membership badge at our race meeting in April.

At a recent committee meeting the committee voted to increase the annual membership subscription from \$11 to \$15. We are currently working on ideas to acknowledge our members on race days, these ideas will be implemented for the new season.

Our confirmed dates for next season are Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February (Cup Day) and Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. We look forward to see you on course at Central Southland Raceway.

**Dawn Capon**  
**President**