



Thank you for another successful year

I am pleased to report another solid financial result for NZCT this year, which is the product of the ongoing hard work and commitment of our venue operators, managers and staff. Achieving a good community return above the legal minimum of 40% continues to be challenging, given we operate in an increasingly complex environment against forces beyond our direct control.

In 2018/19, we achieved a record surplus, before grant distributions, of \$45.97 million, which is 41.8% of our total revenue. We were able to distribute \$44.99 million through almost 2,300 grants to amateur sports clubs, rescue and life-saving services, education, health, the arts, and cultural and community groups across New Zealand.

Behind the scenes, we have achieved other important wins this year. Through the Gaming Machine Association (GMANZ), we were instrumental in commissioning work, along with Sport NZ and the DIA, from independent professional services firm KPMG. They have collated and analysed grants data for all societies from calendar years 2017 and 2018. Their reports provide a powerful and compelling illustration of the extensive benefits and impact of non-casino, non-club Class 4 funding to communities throughout New Zealand. There were distributions in 2018 totalling \$276 million over 28,000 successful applications. This resulted in some 11,000 organisations benefitting. We have used, and will use, this data to better inform central and local government from an evidential basis about the ongoing need to support the Class 4 model and venue infrastructure.

Work has also continued on the recommended repeal of a provision of the Gambling Act contained in the Messara review of the New Zealand racing industry that, if implemented, could have significant impacts on our ability to remain competitive. The Department of Internal Affairs seems to have heard us on this issue and we are hopeful of a positive outcome for our future fundraising. We support the racing industry in principle, especially where there are strong links with the local community.

We were also pleased by the outcome of the Problem Gambling Levy review for the next three years, which reflects a much fairer approach to the levy calculation for Class 4 versus other gambling types for which we strongly advocated.

We know many of the organisations that receive benefits from NZCT would struggle to survive without funding support. We also acknowledge the huge contribution to New Zealand communities made possible by our loyal venue operators. All



Our friendly service desk will be open as usual throughout the holiday period.

venues are congratulated for their contribution in making such a difference to communities throughout the country. We should all be very proud of the efforts in contributing to a better society with 11,000 organisations benefitting from what the sector does.

My best wishes to you and your families for a safe, prosperous and enjoyable holiday season and new year 2020. I look forward to another productive and profitable year and thank you again for your continued commitment to NZCT.

Mike Knell
Chief Executive



Important information about NZCT's grants system

The software behind NZCT's online grants system will soon be unsupported by Microsoft. To futureproof our system, we need to move to a new one. NZCT has chosen an online system called Fluxx.

There is a 7-day period between when the old system shuts down and the new system launches when no one will be able to use either system.

A question-and-answer page, including the timeline for the change, is available on our website at

www.nzct.org.nz/grants/fluxx

Hennessy's comes up trumps

The finest Kiwi hospitality venues were recognised at Hospitality New Zealand's 22nd annual Awards for Excellence gala dinner, held in Napier on 17 October, with over 300 attendees from all around the country.

The winners included an NZCT venue, Hennessy's Irish Bar in



Rotorua, which took home the Excellence in Gaming Award.

Hospitality New Zealand's Acting Chief Executive Julie White, said "The judges all agreed that the standard was exceptionally high this year, not only from the winners, but the finalists as well."

The Hospitality New Zealand Awards for Excellence proudly honour the achievements of the hardworking, talented and competitive people who make hospitality throughout New Zealand exceptional and memorable. We congratulate Hennessy's on their fantastic achievement.



Ellerslie Sports Club one step closer to completing dream facility

Mark Weipers has been working on the Ellerslie Sports Club's new complex at Michael Ave Reserve for over seven years. Now thanks to a NZCT grant of \$300,000, he is a step closer to turning the club's vision into a reality.

The NZCT grant is part of an overall project cost of \$5.6 million that will see the Auckland club develop new amenities and clubrooms. The project is much more than bricks and mortar though, as the club sees huge potential for wider community use.

"The new complex will act as a central hub for the club's activities and help address the lack of community facilities in the area," says Mark. "We see a range of community organisations and volunteer groups using the complex once it is complete."

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Ellerslie Sports Club is the umbrella organisation for the activities of the Ellerslie Football and Ellerslie Cricket Clubs, a system that has been in place for 35 years. Each club has 6 months' use of the sports ground and liquor licence per year.

"We've seen a significant amount of growth over the past few years," says Mark. "The football club in particular has had a huge increase in numbers from 400 to over 1500 members. Much of this growth has been amongst females. We used to have two girls' teams 6 years ago, now we have sixteen."

The jump in membership has put a strain on the club's existing amenities and the new complex will meet the need for increased changing room capacity. It will also address the current lack of segregation in the amenities.

"For both clubs to be sustainable moving forward this project is essential," says Mark. "It will provide a central hub and base for both clubs, help us engage with the community and grow membership."

Ellerslie Sports Club currently boasts 1900 members. Both codes have a big age range in their membership, starting as young as 4 years old through to people still participating well into their 50s.

Along with NZCT, the project is being backed by the Auckland City Council who are contributing \$2.84 million. Fundraising is ongoing with applications being made to a number of community funders, as well as internal fundraising efforts.

Mark and the rest of the club are thankful to NZCT for supporting the project. "We've always had strong support from NZCT. They have supported the football club for about 15 years," he says. "They helped guide us with the application and took the time to understand the project and what we wanted to achieve."

Useful links

- Hospitality New Zealand: <https://hospitality.org.nz/>
- HospitalityNet: <https://www.hospitalitynet.org>
- Top 100 Hospitality Events: <https://10times.com/top100/hospitality>
- Food and hospitality training: <https://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/study-options/programmes/food-and-hospitality/>
- Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand: <https://www.gmanz.org.nz/>
- Department of Internal Affairs – gambling: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Gambling>
- Health Promotion Agency – minimising gambling harm: <https://www.hpa.org.nz/programme/minimising-gambling-harm>
- Ministry of Health – gambling: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/gambling>

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