

INTRODUCING JONATHAN WALTON

After 4 years on the Club Board, 2 of them as Vice President, I am seeking your support so I can take the next step of being selected by you, our members, for the vacant President role.

I have a comprehensive understanding of the responsibilities and demands of the role, and believe my background and commitment will ensure that the great work that Steve, the Board and Club Staff have done will continue.

I recognise that the next few years may be tough from an economic perspective, so as President, I will ensure we continue to make prudent decisions that benefit the Club, our members and our community.



PERSONAL PROFILE

I am married father of 3, living in Newlands and currently have one grand child. I am a happy family man, with the full backing and support of them to undertake the role of Club President.

Born as a proud Southern man, I have spent many years here in the Northern Suburbs, with a strong sporting pedigree. Through my school years, I was a Johnsonville junior rugby, cricket and softball player, being lucky enough to also have representative honours. I played rugby for Onslow, then transitioned to play social and masters football with the North Wellington Football Club until I was 50 years of age. I also spent a couple of years playing social cricket for the Johnsonville cricket club. Through all of these adult sporting ventures, the teams I played in had a strong affiliation to the Johnsonville Club and I first became a Club member in the early 1990's.

I am also a keen golfer and spent 10 years on the committee of Karori Golf Club, including 5 years as Club Captain. My primary sports focus is now darts, representing the Johnsonville Club in many of our Wellington regional competitions at all levels.

Professionally, I have been a painter for 44 plus years, and for over 20 of those years have been self employed, operating my own business. Being self employed and with the support of my family, I have flexibility in my time which means I can prioritise Club demands as required.

MY AMBITIONS AS PRESIDENT

I'm renowned by my friends that when I do something, I approach it 'boots n all' - when I do something, I commit to it fully. I also commit for the long term as shown by my 10 year tenure at the Karori Golf Club.

During my 2 years as Vice President, I've been an active member of our finance committee plus other critical Club activities such as the recruitment of our new manager (Barry). I have a good understanding of the operation of our Club and the challenges we face.

As President, I will work diligently and ensure that first and foremost, I represent and make decisions for the benefit of our Club, our members and the wider community. Community visibility and support is critical to our continued success.

Through my life experiences, one of my strengths is the ability to converse and relate to people from many different backgrounds. I know that communication and positive engagement of members is the key driver of a harmonious club environment.

Ensuring we can continue to attract new members is key - showcasing the Club to the community so they know who we are, what we do and what we stand for is the only way to achieve this.

I look forward to the challenge of being President, fully recognise it's not just a figure head role but an important part of the ongoing success of our Club.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my wife Sue, my family, my friends and the wider Club Board for their support to ensure that I am successful as I take this next step.