

## **2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

To our valued Mairangi Bay Fishing Club (MBFC) members,

Fishing, friendship and great yarns ... we're pleased to be reflecting on another fantastic year for the Mairangi Bay Fishing Club. Thanks to everyone who has helped make our community so special. In particular, our committee members; Shaun Quincey, Matt Gillespie, Leia Murry, James Alexander, Blair Moore, Michael Buck and Wendy Chapple. We also appreciate Kevin Cameron, Colleen Rice and the rest of the team at the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club.

As we continue to explore new ways for the club to thrive, we're looking for wider input and more fresh ideas from our community. If you'd like to join the committee or contribute to sub-committees, we'd love to hear from you!

Reflecting on the last 12 months, we had some great events. Despite poor weather, a good number of the 80 boats that registered for the Mairangi Bay Classic still took off for the shotgun start and had a fun adventure on the water. We had an awesome turnout for the Penn Awesome Autumn Competition and have introduced a new freshwater fishing division (thanks to Barry Stevens). Throughout it all, we've enjoyed investing in our community with regular club nights – featuring plenty of pizzas, cater station and lots of Mr Whippy for the kids. We also ventured outside our fishing comfort zone, with some MBFC club members joining the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club Business House Bowls competition.

Once again we had the support from our amazing sponsors Shimano, Penn, and Hunting and Fishing (which gives all MBFC members a 10% discount on fishing products\* (\*T&C's apply)). Thank you to Pink Dirt, Concrete Concepts and Shades Direct for supporting key events. Thanks also to all of our trophy sponsors. With 17 trophies in the cabinet we have over \$3,000 of silverware!

Moving forward we're looking to ramp up the action with more fun and games. Competition-wise, the Shimano Icebreaker is just around the corner, we have the Shimano Mairangi Bay Classic in November, and the Shimano Open Slather over the summer. We have new MBFC merch in the pipeline, and we're exploring fresh ways to spice up our regular events – get set for outdoor club evenings as the weather warms up.

Once again, thank you for supporting MBFC. For us, this fishing club is all about community, and that means getting input from as many people as possible – so please get involved!

We look forward to connecting with you at club nights, via the MBFC private Facebook group, and across the MBFC Instagram account.

Finally, if you haven't already, please take action now to renew your membership [www.mairangibayfishingclub.co.nz/membership](http://www.mairangibayfishingclub.co.nz/membership).

Mark Hogan, President