# **Nominations for Election for Office 2020/2021**

#### **Peter Clarke – Standing for Vice President & Committee**



My name is Peter Clarke and I have been on the Committee going on 5 years.

In that time I have seen the Club going ahead. We have taken over the restaurant with very good food turnover. I had a part in the new pokie room and we have purchased another property for the Club and we survived the coronavirus.

I would like to represent you again for another term. We have very good bar staff and a good team in the restaurant. It would be a privilege for me to do this for another term.

# Mike Green - Standing for Vice President



Hi my name is Mike Green and my wife Sue and I have been Club Members for 20 plus years and have lived in Whangamata for a number of years now.

After retiring from ACC after 26 years as the Manager of a national processing centre in 2018 I joined the Club Committee last year where I have been able to use the skills I learned in my working career to contribute positively to the management of the Club and am proud of what we have achieved to date and what we still have to come particularly through difficult times.

Having settled in to the Committee role I would now like to get more involved in the Club workings and I believe being in the Vice President role will allow me to continue to proactively use my background to progress the work we have done to date particularly around the strategic plan and it's implementation and have a greater influence in other areas we are working on at present.

In this role I will continue to focus on keeping the Whangamata Club as one of the top Clubs in the Country and meeting the needs of all our Club Members. I believe I have a lot to bring to this role and look forward to your support in achieving this goal. Thank You.

#### **Grant Hurley – Standing for Committee**



For those that don't know me I'm Grant Hurley I've been holidaying in Whanga for many years and been a Member of the Club for some time. My wife Kelly and I now live permanently in this amazing little town. I'm 54 and as much as I'd like to retire in Whanga unfortunately I'll have to work a little longer so will commute between work and home.

I have a passion for all sports and enjoy playing snooker an 8 ball and can often be found getting thrashed by the locals.

The qualities and skills that I'll bring to the Committee are based around my involvement in business and with other Chartered Clubs and Board of Trustees of two Morrinsville schools. I'll bring a different style to management/governance with new ideas and fresh strategies. I've been described as an innovative thinker and certainly one to challenge the status quo, and I'm not afraid to ask the hard questions. The existing committee has spent a lot of time and effort on a strategic plan and it is important that the new committee carries this on and fine tunes it.

I will have the Club's best interest at heart and will endeavour to represent its Members to the best of my ability.

## **Sue James – Standing for Committee**



Hey everyone, my name is Sue and I am the Owner/Director of Surf 2 Sand Ltd. We look after the Patrons of the Club, so everyone can get home safely – you have probably seen me in and out of the Club numerous times.

I have held previous positions on Club Committees, my longest standing was for 25 years!

As an involved Member of the Whangamata Community, I feel passionately about growing the Club so it can live up to its full potential, both within the Club itself and the wider community.

### Sandra Perry – Standing for Vice President & Committee



I have been a Member of the Whangamata Club for more than fifteen years.

Over the last four years, I have been on the Club Committee, and Vice President for three.

Prior to moving to Whangamata I worked in Management as CEO of Motorcycling New Zealand for 20 years (National Sporting Organisation), 11 years as CEO of Opportunity Hamilton (supporting business and economic development in Hamilton and it surrounds) and three years as the Waikato Chamber of Commerce CEO.

Until my retirement I was Manager of the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club. This experience gave me an in-depth understanding of what is required to support the continued success of the Whangamata Club.

Our Committee are busy working together looking at the future of our Club over the next ten years. As Members we asked you what you wanted for our Club so the next step is to put in place your feedback.

I would like your support to enable me to continue working on the plan.

### **Richard Upton – Standing for Committee**



Dear Members, having served on the Committee for the last two years, I'm proud of the progress made and improvements achieved during my term. I would love to be re-elected for a further term and continue to support the growth and success of the Whangamata Club.

Moving into a professional era of Club governance and strategic planning that is nowadays required, our current Committee is well into developing our 10 year plan. I am committed to helping steer our awesome Club forwards into the future, working constructively with the Committee and management to plan and set goals for the betterment of all Members.

I have lived permanently here in Whangamata for the last 7 years and I am self-employed. Prior to this I enjoyed visiting regularly as a homeowner and ratepayer of 22 years. This

giving me insight to the wants of our local community whilst understanding the need of establishing a robust business model for the Whangamata Club.

I stand for progress and want to see our Club continue to be the 'Club of choice" in Whangamata and destination for all age groups offering and providing a pleasant environment and facilities for all Members, their Friends, Families and Affiliated Club Members who visit our region. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely Richard Upton.

#### Jill Witehira - Standing for Vice President & Committee



Hi All, I'm Jilly Witehira. After moving to Whangamata 17 years ago my first job was in the new Whangamata Club Kitchen where I stayed for 10 years. I am at the raffle bar most weekends doing Club raffles so if you haven't already met me please come and have a chat. I have been on the Whangamata Club Executive Committee for 8 years and have been a Member of the Club for 15 years. This year I am standing for Vice President.

I am very involved in the Whangamata Community. I am currently President of the Texas Hold'Em Poker Adjunct and the President of the Whangamata Summer Festival and on the Committee of the Theatre Society.

The Whangamata Club and its Members are very special to me. As you are aware, I am totally committed to the Club which is why I am standing for Vice President. I look forward to continuing on the Executive and thank you all in advance for your votes.