

CBC President's Report 2025

2024/25 has been a year of ups and downs for our club. One of the key highlights was celebrating our 20th anniversary in October. We marked this milestone with a day of sailing at the Tawhaki Aerospace runway and another at our Wigram home base, followed by a celebration dinner. It was a fitting way to honour our club's history.

Speaking of history, I want to take a moment to recognize Peter Kingsbury for his excellent work in updating the Club History document for these celebrations. Thank you, Peter.

In January, we sadly lost our dear friend and long-time member, Ivan Purtle, after a short battle with cancer. Ivan's friendship and the camaraderie within our club were evident as many of us attended his funeral. It's heartening to see that his wife, Carole, remains keen to maintain her association with the club.

Throughout the year, we enjoyed several successful social events, including dinners and our now semi-annual jalopy jaunt car rally. These activities add a wonderful extra dimension to being a member of our club.

In March, we bid farewell to our long-serving committee member and treasurer, Terry Helm, who moved to the Kapiti Coast. Terry's contributions were immense, from race timing and event management to handling the club's finances. He was a busy man and a top bloke, and he leaves some big shoes to fill.

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Last year, we saw an encouraging influx of new members, though many did not renew for the coming year. This trend of declining and aging membership is a challenge faced by all Blokart clubs in New Zealand, likely due to economic uncertainty and competing activities, especially for younger people.

Looking ahead, while we have some challenges, I am optimistic that our club will continue to promote Blokarting, enhance member skills, and ensure we have a great time doing it. I want to thank my fellow hard-working committee members who voluntarily give up their time to ensure our events and regular activities run smoothly.

Our club's team spirit and culture are something we should all be proud of. From hosting events and welcoming new members to supporting social activities and enjoying regular Sunday sails with a beer afterwards, we create a friendly and welcoming environment that people want to join. Let's continue to foster this spirit and support each other in 2025/26.

Thank You