



Another busy year ahead

With the Christmas and New Year holiday season now a memory, we are heading into another busy year for NZCT and the class 4 sector at large.

New Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Tracey Martin, has signalled her willingness to thoroughly consider the previous Government's findings to date on the class 4 review before making any decisions about its future direction. We are fortunate to have a reasonably open and informed Minister who understands the contribution class 4 funding makes to the community.

At the local government level, the Trustees and I are acutely aware of the need to change perceptions of our sector. To this end, Trustees Kerry Prendergast and Alan Isaac and I addressed a Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) meeting of mayors and chief executives from rural and provincial councils late last year. We found that misconceptions about gaming funding often come from a lack of knowledge about how we operate, such as the fact that on average 91% of each dollar wagered on an NZCT gaming machine goes back out as player winnings. We will be giving the same presentation to the next LGNZ meeting of metropolitan councils later this month and look forward to more robust discussion with those who

influence local policy, which has a direct effect on your business.

The Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand (GMANZ), of which we are a member, is the new name for the Class 4 Working Party. It is the sector's mandated voice and has realised the need for the class 4 sector to be more proactive in spreading its key messages about sector sustainability, which are backed up by credible research. Bruce Robertson is GMANZ's Independent Chair. Many of you will know Bruce from his 21 years' involvement with HANZ.

There is still much work for us to do at the executive level and I want to thank you again for supporting NZCT's mission and enabling us to provide critical funding for grassroots sport and community groups. You not only have a crucial role in our business, but also in ensuring we do everything we can to provide help and support to those for whom gambling is a problem. It is more important now than ever that we work collaboratively with stakeholders and promote the enormous good that comes from class 4 funding.

Mike Knell
Chief Executive

Industry update: DIA workshops and sector forums

In February and March (see table below), the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) will be holding a series of regional workshops designed to help venue and society staff who are based in and around Nelson, Greymouth and Whangarei.

The workshops have been designed specifically for venues, and those who work with venues, to provide up-to-date and helpful information about harm minimisation and DIA initiatives.

This is a great opportunity for you to come and meet DIA staff (including the Director of the Gambling Compliance Group, Gambling Inspectors, project leads and managers,

Health Promotion Agency staff, multi-venue exclusion co-ordinators and others), hear what they've got planned, and let them know how they can make things work better for you.

The workshops will help you understand what the DIA requires from you and develop your confidence in harm minimisation. The workshops will focus on:

- the new venue assessment process
- Gamble Host training and resources
- exclusions and privacy
- mystery shopper projects
- good practice
- logbooks.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 27 February	9:00-12:00	Nelson, Founders Heritage Park
Wednesday 28 February	9:00-12:00	Greymouth, Kingsgate Hotel
Tuesday 6 March	9:00-12:00	Whangarei, Forum North

A more club-focused session is being held after each of the sessions above, starting at 1 pm. If you can't attend the morning session, email sector.initiatives@dia.govt.nz to register your attendance at the afternoon session. Please also let your NZCT liaison person know you'll be attending. You will receive confirmation of your registration from DIA.

If you have any questions about the workshops, you can contact DIA on the above email address.

In addition, DIA is hosting Gambling Sector Forums in the following centres in March and invites interested venue operators and managers to attend the morning session from 9.30 to 11.45 am.

Date	Location	Venue
1 March	Dunedin	Mercure Leisure Lodge, 30 Duke Street, North Dunedin
2 March	Christchurch	Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Ave, Burnside, Christchurch
9 March	Wellington	ASB Sports Centre, 72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
16 March	Auckland	Sudima Airport Hotel, 18 Airpark Drive, Mangere

If you're interested in attending, email sector.initiatives@dia.govt.nz to register.

Compliance reminder: Banking dates and operating gaming machines during Easter, ANZAC and provincial holidays

Banking and venue payments during public holidays

Venue payments will be paid each Friday, or the next working day, provided GMP for the previous week is paid. Wednesday and Thursday direct debits will be taken each Thursday unless other arrangements are agreed.

Venues should keep as much as possible to their normal banking regime during public holidays and are encouraged to bank at every opportunity to reduce the amount of cash on site. The venue manager is responsible

for the GMP until the funds are paid into NZCT's account.

GMP obligations must be met regardless of provincial and other public holidays.

Operating gaming machines when sale of alcohol is restricted

A reminder that gaming machines can only be operated while the 'primary activity' of your venue is offered and available. This primary activity may be restricted at times, such as on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Venues that are primarily or exclusively used for the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol, such as taverns and pubs, won't be considered to have their 'primary activity offered and available' if the alcohol licence doesn't allow the sale and consumption of alcohol by customers on the premises. As the primary activity of the venue is not offered and available, the venue isn't permitted to operate its gaming machines during these times. This applies even if alcohol is being served to diners on days, such as Easter Sunday, where the sale of alcohol is restricted.

For any venue, such as a hotel, pool hall, bowling alley or restaurant, where the primary activity continues to be offered and available despite restrictions placed on the venue by its alcohol licence or other legislation, the venue can operate its gaming machines if all other obligations for class 4 gambling operation are met.

Your venue licence will show what your primary activity is.

If you have any questions about banking days or gaming machine operation on public holidays, feel free to call your NZCT regional manager or usual liaison person.

Compliance reminder: Form to report equipment faults and player disputes

A reminder that the official DIA form to report equipment faults and player disputes is in your black NZCT harm minimisation folder. It should be completed in full, kept with the records for the relevant gaming machine, and a copy emailed to NZCT.

Good in the 'hood:

Keeping fit in Kawerau

Some Kawerau residents have started the new year healthy and active. NZCT recently awarded Kawerau Fitness Community Trust \$8,946 to buy new health and fitness equipment. Thanks to this grant, the Trust can keep health and fitness affordable within the community.

Kawerau Fitness Community Trust was started by a small group of Kawerau residents with a passion for leading

a healthier and more active lifestyle. Chairman Zachan Herewini joined the Trust at the beginning. "After our humble start of just meeting at a local field with no equipment or facility, we've built an organisation that provides exceptional service. We are maintaining our goal of keeping things affordable while still operating 100% voluntarily."

Equipment is a crucial resource for a health and fitness community provider. It is used daily, and over time needs to be maintained, replaced or upgraded to suit the varying levels of fitness and age groups that attend. Zachan says, "Without the support of funding partners like NZCT these costs would fall onto the participants, or the level of service would be compromised."

Our aim has always been to keep health and fitness affordable within our community. We want to provide

a great service and facility which elsewhere in other communities can be unaffordable."

According to Zachan, NZCT's grant allows the Trust to focus on the next stage of development for their facility and services, such as a fresh coat of paint, highly specialised equipment, and offering more opening hours to the community.



Good in the 'hood: Riding high in Te Aroha

NZCT awarded Te Aroha and District Riding for the Disabled (RDA) \$10,000 to keep their current Head Coach. This full-time paid Head Coach is fundamental to the continual growth and running of the organisation.

Katie Steffert is Funding Officer at Te Aroha and District RDA. They provide interaction with horses through therapeutic horse riding and horse care. On horseback, a rider with a disability can overcome fear, gain confidence and achieve success they may not realise elsewhere. Katie says having a Head Coach is essential because of new health and safety guidelines. Structured riding lessons are now being held under supervision of Head Coach Devon Tretheway, assisted by dedicated volunteers and specially trained horses.



Katie says, "Devon runs the day-to-day operational requirements, along with providing the comprehensive therapy programme for each rider. He is a dedicated and hard-working individual and well known within the local community. Devon often goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure riders have the best programme at their disposal."

Since hiring a full-time Head Coach, Te Aroha and District RDA has increased the number of sessions from two to three per week. This allows them to take on an additional 30 riders and they are now helping approximately 70 riders. NZCT's grant will be used towards the employment-related costs of the Head Coach. "Without the support of NZCT, we wouldn't be able to employ a Head Coach with the skills and experience to provide the superb services we do. Devon's skills enable riders to achieve life-changing goals within a safe environment," says Katie.

According to Katie, one rider who achieved life-changing goals is Amy. "Amy, who has Rhett's syndrome, began riding at the age of five. She was unable to sit up on the horse then. Now, six years on a riding programme, Amy has developed stronger muscle tone and balance. She can ride in a normal riding position with limited support. The benefits of riding can also be seen outside of the RDA centre as she can now walk independently. Although non-verbal, Amy recently communicated via an eye gaze board with her family that she enjoys her weekly riding sessions on her horse Sooty."

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