

## **Chair's Report**

Firstly, I wish to extend my appreciation to the 2017 Board members for their support in what was a trying year.

After being elected to the position of Chair for the 2017 year my first priority was to undertake a process to get a better and united understanding of what is our purpose and how it was going to be delivered.

Sport Wellington took us through an on-line tool which helped us measure our infrastructure and governance. Needless to say, the results were below average and as such we have spent a lot of the year adopting Governance Policies.

These policies are providing good structure for strategic and annual planning not to mention security and continuity for the region.

While volunteers for the SW Board are in short supply I am confident that the Board processes and infrastructure now in place will encourage more volunteers, and help participants to be more effective for the sport in the region.

The Squash Wellington Annual Plan was developed from our Strategic Intent and aligned to the Squash New Zealand annual plan. While the plan is not perfect it is materially correct and I fully support the annual Plan and I encourage all Clubs and members to read and assimilate the SW annual Plan into their club as best as possible.

While each club may have different priorities, I wish to ask all clubs to unite and collectively deliver at least one item from the annual plan for the 2018 year. This item can be discussed and agreed at the forum and AGM.

We have a lot of work to do in 2018. We are not going to please everyone.

With the time we have we want to deliver the chosen priorities.

These priorities need to be done to a materially correct standard and then we can move onto the next item.

Upon acceptance of the annual plan and budget the newly convened SW Board will direct the DM to implement the 2018 Squash Wellington Annual Plan.

Barry Ryan

Squash Wellington Chair.