

I have investigated the affairs of the abovementioned Club and submit the following report.

**HISTORY:** The Club was formed in 1928 and was designed to supplement existing playing facilities in the Lower Hutt, to provide a number of courts in one area to meet the needs of tournaments, inter-club ladder competitions, etc. and generally encourage and improve the game.

The land is situated in Totara Crescent and was part of an area taken over by the Government when the Waterloo, Woburn railway was constructed. At that time it was part of a huge open area, and considerable work in fencing, clearing and in the laying down of the first courts was necessary.

The ground (2 acres 34.27 perches) was set aside by the Governor General under Section 71 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, as a public reserve pursuant to the Land Act, 1924.

The property was vested in the Lower Hutt Borough in September, 1927 and tenders were called by the Borough for the lease of this area.

The lease specified in addition to the usual provisions that -

1. The lease to be for a term of 21 years, with the right of renewal for a further 21 years at a rental not less than that of the previous term.
2. Six courts to be laid down in one year and a further six courts within three years.
3. The occasions on which a charge for admission may be made shall comply with the Act.
4. Members of the public to have reasonable access.

The tender of the Lower Hutt Tennis Club Incorporated was accepted on 27th October, 1927.

The conditions of the tender were incorporated in the Memorandum of Lease executed on 28th November, 1927 with the addition that the rental was fixed at £10 per annum with no increase at the period of 42 years and provision made for arbitration and for compensation on termination of lease.

The Club has complied with all the conditions of the lease except that eleven courts have been laid down instead of twelve.

The indebtedness of the Club to the Council for work performed is outside the agreement. Many demands have been made by the Council for the liquidation of this sum but the Club has been quite incapable of complying with these demands. The means of legal action for recovery were complicated and the possible results may have been against the interests of Council.

**FINANCIAL:** The Club was financed by means of debentures and annually by subscriptions, levies, etc., and occasionally by special effort.

**DEBENTURES:** Debentures of £5 each, repayable in ten years and carrying 6% interest were issued in 1927 and 1928. The amount subscribed amounted to £465. Several debentures were repaid and the present liability amounts to £447.12.6. No interest has been paid and this now stands at £254.1.0, making a total indebtedness of £701.13.6

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The present subscriptions are net £1.15.0 for men, £1.12.6 for ladies and £1.2.6 for juniors, exclusive of levies to the funds of the sub-association.