

## Tuarascail an Runaí 2008

Ar dtús ba maith liom fáilte a gabháil roimh go léir don crinniú blianthúil seo. Caithfidh mé a rá go raibh blian an-shastiúl leis an Cumann. Ar na pairceanna imirthe bhí na torthaí go maith agus chuamar chun cinn i ngach slí. Bhain na himreoirí, thuismitheoirí agus na bainisteoirí, taithneamh agus sásta as an gcluichí is na heachtraí an bliain.

2008 proved to be an important milestone in the continuing growth, development and success of Cuala. Our player numbers across all Games Committees continues to grow unabated. The hard work put in on the training grounds is paying off as evidenced by our continuing success on the fields of play. Cuala is a club that is respected throughout the wider GAA Family and has a fine reputation across all games codes. Administratively Cuala has been considerably strengthened in the past years and we need to continue this good work to keep pace with needs of an ever changing club.

The beauty and uniqueness of the Club goes far beyond the playing field and the clubhouse; it is deeper, something that reaches out and touches our communities in a manner that is unique to the GAA. Through hard work, collaboration and determination, successes are shared and when victory is lost we are bound together; We are all part of the Cuala Family.

The culture of volunteerism is a foundation bedrock on which the GAA is based. The success of our club is testament this culture. Without the work and many inputs from all volunteer workers within the club, Cuala would not be the club that it is today. Our thanks must go to all club members who have invested huge volumes of personal commitment to Cuala

Recently Croke Park launched it's strategic vision and action plan for 2009-2015. The GAA plans to launch urban development initiatives within four specific groups. Group One focuses on major Urban Development Areas with a population of more than 100,000. Arguably Cuala fits into this category.

We are now officially viewed by both Parnell Park and Croke Park as a Super Club. As a Super Club we shoulder the responsibility to continue to Develop and Promote Gaelic Games and Gaelic Culture in our Communities. I believe that we now need to agree and document The Cuala Strategic Vision and Action Plan for 2009-2015.

We need to mover forward together This plan is not the responsibility of a handful of dedicated club members. The future of Cuala belongs to us all. In the immortal words of JFK "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country". Ask yourself, "what small job can I do to support the continuing growth and development of Cuala?" I will update you early in the New Year and invite all Cuala Members to fully participate in the drafting and implementation of our Strategic Plan that will fulfill our ambitions for continuing growth and success.

Ar son An Coiste Cuala ba mhaith liom ár mbiochas a ghabháil dóibh go léir as an cabhrú agus an tachaíocht. Go mbeidh an tAdh linn don blian nua seo cughainn.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

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