

Commodore's Report September 2018

Thankyous

It is a little sad to be penning my last report. Over the last five years I have worked with Bill as my Vice and many of next year's committee making for a seamless transition. I would like to thank Bill Macleod, Robert Boykett, Walter Reeves, Peter Wilkinson, Peter Stanley, Bill Harding, Daren Chatfield, Justin Congdon, Paul Hodgson and Michael della Posta all of who are staying on committee.

One person not continuing on next year is John Olsen. John put his hand up to help us out while we looked for a Treasurer and stayed five years. John you have become a very good friend and I thank you so much for your efforts over the last 5 years.

Robert Boykett was there when I joined as Commodore in 2013 and has decided to hand the reins over to brother Richard. thanks Rob for keeping the Yachts out on the water. Rob is staying on General Committee. Welcome Richard Boykett.

Next year we also welcome a new Treasurer Dave Andrews. Whilst on finance we have now stabilised our staff and under our new General Manager Richard Teuchert we are proud to say for the first time in many, many years our hospitality has made a surplus of \$25,233. Thankyou Richard and your team in the office Sue Hancock, Laura Allieres and Lorraine Tapper. Up in the bar we must also thank our new Hospitality Manager Damon Chandler and Chef Aaron Clark who, with their great team of casual staff, have made this turn around possible, with better food and service. Well done Darren Chatfield, Chair of House for overseeing this.

We must also thank our Club Sponsors Bay Marine, Seareenity Marine, Power Boat Support and the many volunteers that work quietly in the background. Old Salts, history committee, start crews check pointers, donators of goods, products and services like John Gregson Actioners, Diamond Hire, Gerard Daniels and Alex Salvaris. Alex has put in over 100 hours legal work on our Constitution, government lease documents and the development proposal making him by far our biggest donor. Again a huge than you to all of you.

Achievements

Now let's have a look at the major projects that your General Committee have achieved over the last five years.

The \$3,000,000 H Jetty and Fuel Jetty extension has finally been finished. With the down turn in the economy the club has only filled 75% of the new pens, leaving mostly the larger, more expensive pens still free. We will fill these pens in the next few years and the Club will be financially sound for the years to come.

The \$1,000,000 refurbished the A Jetty West involved moving all boats to H Jetty for the rebuild and then returning them on completion.

We have resurfaced the car park and installed carpark gate system.

We have decked and grassed the east side of the clubhouse including installing glass balustrading. This has turned an area that was unusable into a great area for our Members and their children to use.

We have paved the front or northside of the property and this now allows us to use all around the property.

The west side of the building has been rendered.

The Deepdene kitchen has been upgraded to enable us to prepare our full menu and now serve upstairs or down stairs.

Future

The Clubs future is very bright. We do not need to develop. We have a debt of just over \$1,100,000 and will fully pay that off in the next 18 months. As our debt gets paid off over the next 18 months we can look at what to do with the clubhouse and onshore facilities and this must include adequate parking for Members and their guests. If we want our function rooms to run at a profit we will also need enough parking for functions day or night.

Development Proposal

The Special General Meeting of Members next Thursday is because the Club was approached by a serious developer with a proposal that will be presented at that meeting. Your General Committee thought that this was too big a decision for it to decide on without the feeling of the Members. The developers will give their presentation and you will be able to ask them questions. They will then be asked to leave the room. We will then discuss and answer any questions and put the motions. The voting will be through ballot and will require agreement of more than 50% of the voting Members present to be carried.

Jetty Refurbishment.

I am moving a motion at the AGM asking for \$150,000 to refurbish the final section of A Jetty - lengthening, widening and installing cat walks. This will complete our jetty project. With Peter Stanley supervising our Bosun Robert Depiazzi, our jetty maintenance program will continue, ensuring our jetties will out survive us.

Conclusion

I leave the club is in a very good financial position with a management structure that will allow it to operate smoothly and efficiently into the future. The committees need to use the system we have in place and work as a team to improve these systems.

I thank the committee members who I have worked with over the last years to make the Club what it is today, however, the biggest thank you must go to the Members for respecting and supporting my position. You made the job worthwhile and fun. It has been an honour to serve you as Commodore of Claremont Yacht Club. Safe sailing.



David Bovell