

# Commodore's Column – June 2019



## Plan and Survey Coming.

At the HYGM I reported that the General Committee had engaged in a workshop process to develop a **Plan** and a **Vision** for the Club. Now that the General Committee has recorded its opinions, we will be seeking feedback from you – the Members of Claremont Yacht Club.

The General Committee is currently refining an electronic survey which will allow you to provide feedback on the **Plan** and **Vision** documents. In addition, the survey will ask you tell us how you think the Club is currently performing. We will also ask you what activities we could offer to make the Club more attractive to you and your family and friends.

When you receive the Survey, please have your say – the General Committee needs to hear from many Members to give us confidence to proceed with any new initiatives.

## Charity Lunch Coming

I am very excited to report that Celebrity Chef, **Vince Garreffa**, has agreed to work with the Club to present a Charity Lunch on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. Anybody who knows of Vince will know that he is a passionate supporter of “Lifeline” in addition to being “the Prince of Flesh” at Mondo Butchers. Proceeds from the event will go to support the work of the charities “Lifeline” and also “Youth Focus”.

You will hear more about this event as we work out the details. Our Chef, Aaron, and our General Manager, Richard, are working on the details of an exciting menu which will be accompanied by premium wines.

## Club Hospitality

The good news:

The Club will be offering Members’ rewards for using our bar and restaurant. These initiatives are detailed elsewhere in this Midstream, but include **Happy Hour** pricing for beer on two days a week, **Chase the Ace** in the Members’ Bar on Friday evening and reduced price **Special Meals** on Saturdays. I look forward to seeing you at the Club taking advantage of these offers.

..... and now for the bad news:

For the past 18 months the Club has absorbed product cost increases in the bar. The supply costs have increased by about 15% so prices need to be increased. We are keeping the rise to the minimum with the average increase being about 10%. Some items have not increased.

The price of the Wednesday buffet meal will also be increased to \$33 after Members’ discount. The price of the Wednesday buffet has been has not changed for about three years, so it is time to put the price up so that we can continue to offer Members a quality buffet meal each week.

## Membership Subscriptions

At the HYGM, in March this year, Members rejected the proposal from our Honorary Treasurer to increase the Redeemable House Support Credits and reduce annual membership subscriptions. The clear message from the gathered Members was that they would rather that the General Committee apply CPI to all membership fees. Consequently, as we come into the new Club year at the end of this month, Senior Members will see a small 2.1% increase in their membership fee. Other categories will receive a commensurate adjustment. The membership fees for the 2019/20 financial year can be found on the Club website.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club during the coming month and during the next year.

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