

The Commodore's Report

AGM 2019

Finishing my first term as Commodore, I must start by thanking the many members who have contributed so much during the 2018/ 2019 season. Many thanks to Mark O'Brien and Michael Paynter for initiating and coordinating the disability access and lift project which is now at drafting stage. For those who may not know, McCrae Yacht Club was awarded a \$147,000 grant from the Australian Sports Foundation to construct and install a disability access, new amenities and a lift. Without the input and due diligence from these two outstanding members, the grant may never have eventuated, thank you! In addition, at the AGM we will be putting up a motion for some extra funds to complete the lift project and amenities upgrade.

I would like to thank Akemi O'Brien for yet again another season of hard work, effort and dedication to ensure that every race day, (including regattas), the canteen is always stocked and pristine. While on the subject of food and catering, I would also like to extend a big thank you to Jackie Loader and Claudia Jagger for their sterling efforts in organising some great, fun social get togethers. I would also like to thank Priscilla and Ros for the delicious rolls provided every race day as well as all those members who turned up for their rosters of canteen, bar and house.

It's important to acknowledge the efforts and contribution of the youth coming through the club, so a special thank you to Monica Mullens and Jarod Riley as Youth Club Captains and all their hard work throughout the season.

The Training Centre, lead by Murray O'Brien was extremely busy throughout the season and I would like to commend them all on their hard work and dedication to the cause. I wish to thank Trevor Knight for his years of service as administrator of the Training Centre and wish him and his family all the best for the future. Jeff Owen, Shane Baker, Scott Watson and their team of windsurfing enthusiasts also provided a terrific windsurfing program which will continue on next season and by all accounts well into the future.

A massive shout out to all the members of the Sailing Committee, lead by Richard Nicholson, which has provided all the on water skills and equipment necessary to keep us sailing from week to week. At this point we must also thank the tireless efforts of the patrol boat crews who front up

every sailing day to perform their magnificent race management skills. The Club is indebted to your contribution.

I would like to thank the yard master Guy Bancroft and his crew for keeping our club looking so well maintained. Special thanks to Joey Randall for his building skills and knowledge and also special thanks to Scott Hailes for his precision mowing and precision placement of all things beverage in the bar.

With regard to the General Committee, I would like to thank Joel Van Weel for his contribution throughout the season, in particular his efforts with the 'Discover Sailing' day in January. Another member I would like to thank is Andrew Barrett for managing Sailing for Schools over the past two years. Lauren Candy is also departing the GC after one year of valuable service as 'new membership' coordinator. The paid staff are also invaluable to the Clubs' management, and I would like to extend a big thank you to all of them.

Thanks to my 'wingmen', Vice Commodore Jon Knorr and Rear Commodore Scott Cunningham for all their support and advice throughout the season and I look forward to working alongside them again during the season 2019/ 2020. Presently, the finances of the club are in a healthy state and I have enjoyed working with Micheal Paynter and our accountants throughout the season.

Many thanks to Prue, Hugo and Freya for their support, patience and for always being there with endless encouragement and wisdom during my time as Commodore.

Last but definitely NOT least, a huge thank you to Club Secretary Lyn Johannessen for her professionalism and diligence, and who has tirelessly offered me support, advice and direction to a very 'wet behind the ears' Commodore. It is with regret, however that I announce the departure of Lyn as Club Secretary and thank her again for all her encouragement but don't despair as Lyn will be still be involved with club activities.

Hasta Luego

Commodore David Briggs