



# THE BEACON



## PRESENTATION NIGHT 2018



At Presentation Night, the Club's highest awards, the LK Rowland's Trophy and the JK Suter Trophy were awarded to Scott Munro and to David Parker, left and right respectively.



### THE SEASON WRAP - FROM THE COMMODORE

The 2017-2018 sailing season has come to a conclusion. Winter is on our door step. For the many of you heading north, off touring in your caravans or heading overseas. I wish you a safe and happy journey and look forward to catching up with you on your return.

This year we held our Presentation evening at the Jetty Road Brewery. Thank you to the Sailing Committee and in particular Col Dods (Club Captain), for the change in format and the engaging nature of the evening. As mentioned at the Presentation Night by Col, this has been a big season.

The huge effort by all of our many volunteers ensured the great success of the Regattas we hosted this season. I can't thank you enough. A pleasant evening was had by all, with many of our junior sailors showing their moves on the dance floor.

The Working Bee held a couple of weeks ago was well supported with a big turn out of members. The working bee provides us with the opportunity to maintain the Club's buildings, boats and grounds and the two working bees are where a lot of the work is carried out. Once again thank you to those that turned out at the working bee under the guidance and leadership of our Yard Master.

Following the working bee, an information session was held regarding a proposal to install a lift to the upper deck of the Club House. The information session covered the following points:

Why consider a lift?

- Legal considerations regarding disability access
- Our competitors

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## Commodore's report continued

- Options considered
- Criteria considered, the type of lift and proposed location
- Our values

We are, and always will be a sailing club, however we occupy public land in a privileged position. We have an obligation and responsibility to allow for maximum current and future use to all visitors and members who have reason to be here, with the same rights and opportunities to access our facilities in an independent manner. We chose to decide how we position our club and whether it is inclusive, welcoming and progressive, or elitist and exclusive?

I have been following the path taken by Somers Yacht Club, in their Vision for the Future and their immediate project at hand, being their Lift Project. They have been wrestling with the same issues. The suitability of their existing facilities to meet their current and future needs.

A big thank you to those members who took the time to attend the session. Constructive feedback is extremely helpful to the General Committee in ensuring we continue to represent all members. The feedback provided was helpful in guiding the Committee on the next steps to progress this initiative. Stay tuned.

During May, the Rosebud McCrae Life Saving Club held their end of season soiree at our club. The evening was well attended by our neighbours. A great evening was had by all and was a terrific opportunity to build a stronger relationship with our closest neighbour.

A reminder we also have our AGM coming up on Saturday 23 June, 2018 at 4.00pm. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM

Finally, a big thank you for your participation in the club's activities this year, and if I do not see you at the AGM, I wish you a good break over the winter period. Stay warm. Thank you for the year.

**Mark O'Brien, Commodore**



Liam O'Brien received the Rosemary Mason Award from Dee Mason. The award is made to an instructor judged worthy of encouragement and support.

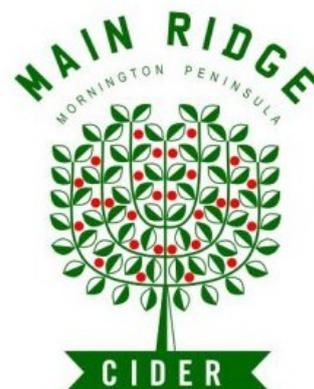


Jessica Vize received the SEA Award from Graham Mason for the skipper judged to be the best first year skipper in a two person boat with a spinnaker.

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The Nigel Huggett Trophy is awarded to a Club member who supports and encourages junior training and competition. The recipient has devoted significant time to working with and encouraging sailing. This year's recipient is Trevor Knight.



The Michael Pearson Award goes to the Best Junior Sailor. This year, the recipient was Ollie Zielezna.

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**CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The season has drawn to a close with our success stories being celebrated at our presentation night on 26 May. What a great venue JR Brewery proved to be with a band which really suited the occasion. A large cohort of our younger members was amongst our prize winners which is a great sign for the years to come. Of course, congratulations go to Scott Munro and David Parker who won the Rowlands and Suter trophies respectively.

As our volunteers will be aware, the club hosted five regattas over the course of the season with 292 additional competitors visiting the club for the McCYC Cat Classic, Contender Nationals/Worlds and the dual hosting of the Taipan and "A" Class Victorian State Championships. The financial benefit, not only in terms of off-setting membership fees, has already manifested itself in terms of new fencing, gates, maintenance and rescue fleet upgrades.

Our premier event for the season, the Aggregate and Skipper of Skippers series, saw a total of 118 sign on over the course of 20 heats and 12 race days. Congratulations to all those who got to the "top of the pile".

The Sailing Committee acknowledges that two heavy seasons of regatta hosting has seen our domestic racing programme compromised to some degree. Next season will hopefully see a reduced regatta commitment and the re-implementation of the Twilight Sail formula throughout January on Friday nights. We encourage families to come down for a casual race and to utilise the club BBQ which will be available and ready for your use free-of-charge.

Having said all that, the club recently submitted an expression of interest to host the F18 World Championships in February 2020. This is a spectacular class which would be a marquee event for McCYC. Should we be successful, we can expect a request to take on the F18 National Championships in January 2019.

This year's Sailing Committee would not have achieved so much if not for the individual members and I thank them all for their commitment. Similarly, the Sailing Committee can not provide the services to sailors that we do without the support of the General Committee and Flag Officers; thanks to each of them and the GC members.

The Sailing Committee sees the departure of Bronwyn Evans after more than a decade of service to the club in terms of on-water Race Officer duties and Presentation night preparation – you can thank her for the trophies you receive each year! Also leaving the group is Dave Parker and Jamie Caithness who have been staunch contributors throughout the season. Thanks to you both.

Finally, I wish the 2018-2019 Sailing Committee good fortune and best wishes to the next Club Captain whoever he or she may be.

Good luck with the cabin fever and see you in October!

**Col Dods, Club Captain**



### TRAINING CENTRE REPORT

Once again it has been a very busy year for the Training Centre and Training Committee. We have run courses in Responsible Service of Alcohol, First Aid, Start Sailing 1 and 2, Tackers 1, 2, and 3, Better Sailing, Start Racing, and Adult Start Sailing. I really want to thank all our amazing volunteers again who put in so much

effort and time. Without their enthusiasm and dedication the Training Centre cannot achieve all it does!

### The main objective

Whilst the Training Centre has a number of objectives, its most important function in my opinion is to train young sailors to a level to be able to get out on the big course in the afternoon, in order to develop the next generation. We now have a great group of youngsters who are developing lots of confidence in their Minnows and Open Bics and venturing out on a weekly basis. Numbers have been down for quite a few years and it's heartening to see this group in a recovery phase.

### Sailing for Schools

Sailing for Schools is another important programme which continued this year with Andrew Barrett as Sailing for Schools manager and Hamilton Nesci now taking over from Graham Mason as head instructor. The Sailing for Schools programme brings groups of both secondary and primary school groups to the club to teach them the basics of sailing. Generally the programme is held during February and March when schools return and when the water and weather are still warm.

### New Hobie Wave

This season we purchased another Hobie Wave catamaran which has been invaluable to the sailing school. They have a dual use in the club however. Firstly they are there as a promotional tool to help introduce friends and family to sailing, so please use them when the club is operating. Just ask a member of the Training or Sailing committee first. Secondly, they are now an indispensable part of both the Start Sailing programme on Saturday mornings and the Tackers programmes. They give instructors flexibility in delivery by allowing participants to enjoy the delights of heavy weather sailing when things get too much for the kids to sail their own boats. As one of our tackers instructors said to me, "I don't know what we did before we had the Hobie Waves".

### McCrae Youth and Junior Development Squad

We have just introduced a new coaching group called the McCrae Youth and Junior Development Squad. It is conducted on Sunday mornings and is for junior or youth who are either in the start racing group or have just moved on from it. The aim is to give the group more time on the water, and allows some tuition for those who cannot manage to get to the club on Saturday mornings. We all look forward to seeing the results!

### Murray O'Brien, Training Centre Principal

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Richard Nicholson and Joseph Randall presented the Roger Randall Trophy to Josh Baker. Josh won 5 of 6 aggregate races plus winning the Novice Windsurfer National Championships.

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### SABRE NEWS

And so we come to the end of another busy season for Sabres...A quick check of the club race results show well over 20 Sabres sailing at some stage or another – so good to see the red on white at the start line. Most

encouraging has been the great new folks joining the track including Brad Groves, Dee Mason and a warm welcome back to Joel van Weel (even if it is temporary!). There are other Sabres pottering about at the fringes as well ready to head out to the start line next season and we look forward to welcoming them along with anyone else who would like to join our sociable throng.

Winter has the potential to be busy too for those that are interested. Safety Beach is intending to run a winter season commencing after the long weekend, then there are regattas at Albert Park Sailing Club during June and also the Mordialloc winter season so keep a look out for those.

Looking ahead to next season, I encourage all female sailors to participate in the Women on Water Coaching weekend in November.

<https://www.facebook.com/WomenonWaterCoachingRegatta/posts/2194788854140832>

That's all for now! Have a great winter and look forward to seeing you on the water.

**Lisa Barrand** 0422 248 851



Evelyn Floyd was this year's winner of the McCrae Crew's Recognition and Equalisation Trophy for outstanding performance as crew.



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### RUMBLINGS FROM THE REAR

What a fantastic year we have had. World championships, Nationals, two State championships, McCrae/Victorian Catamaran regatta along with 11 days of non-aggregate club racing and a 20 race aggregate series. On top of this, add Saturday morning sailing school, Adults sail training, sailing for schools, Murray and his coaching and the youth and family social events. Big Year.

As the Rear Commodore the Bar, Canteen, Social, Yard and House committees report to me. The following is a small overview of what they've been up to this season.

Bar: David Briggs has done a fantastic job in the bar for the year and has found a kindred spirit in Scott Hales who has been a wonderful help. Both have put in way too many hours. The bar has also had a nice facelift with the new screens. A big thanks to Paul Jenkins for organising and helping with this. New person(s) in charge of the bar next season are... just you wait.

Canteen: Akemi (*"I'm glad I don't have to pay her by the hour"*) O'Brien has had a marvellous year with a tight crew and a bunch of helpers. Thanks again to Akemi for going above and beyond.

Social: we had no Social committee for the season and it looks the same for next year. I am hoping that we can get some members to form individual groups and volunteer to run a one-off event during the year. It costs a lot to outsource any social functions.

Yard and House: Bangers has had a big year spending money and the place looks fantastic. In particular the new timber fencing along the beach, front fence, roller gates, painting of the building, flagpoles - the list goes on. Over the winter we are going to put a sink and some storage in the BBQ storage area. This will be a facility for all members to use and will also be a great help during regattas. Spots in the yard are becoming tight again, particularly in the catamaran section, so I'm sure you will hear more from the Yardmaster on this topic (see page 7). My tips are to sail regularly, volunteer your time and pay your fees early.

I am on the committee again next year, so you will all, no doubt, hear from me again.

**Jon Knorr, Rear Commodore**





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**PAPER TIGER INTERNATIONALS – KIWI CLEAN SWEEP**

The 2018 Maersk Line Paper Tiger Internationals were dominated by a strong New Zealand contingent, claiming all podium positions, and outsailing the Aussies to win the coveted team’s trophy.

The event, hosted by Frankston Yacht Club saw a fleet of 48 boats take to the waters of Port Phillip Bay over the Easter long weekend.

Hayden Percy, from Napier Sailing Club in New Zealand, sailed an impressive regatta with six heat wins to be crowned 2018 International Champion. With outstanding boat speed in all conditions, Percy’s success was driven by a refined rig setup, using a North Sail and stiffened mast, along with a dedicated training program leading up to the event.

The Kiwi domination continued with Derek Scott and Dylan Taylor claiming second and third overall respectively. Greg Williams was the best placed Australian, finishing the series in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.

This year’s event saw a keen contingent of eight junior sailors represented in the fleet. Tom Maidment from New Zealand took home the Junior title, with Bailey Hord (Australia) keeping the pressure on to finish second. Both sailors finished in the top 20 of the open fleet, and will be ones to watch in the future!

The event was made possible by Maersk Line, who generously shipped the 20-boat New Zealand Team to Melbourne for the event. Supporting sponsors included Permex, Bluestreak Sail Battens, Maui Jim Sunglasses, Ronstan and Redhead Sails.

The Paper Tiger class continues to provide a great social atmosphere and affordable racing, with half of the top 10 boats, including the winner, home built by their skippers. Professionally made boats are available through Australian Fibreglass Composites.

The 2019 event will be held over Easter at Napier Sailing Club, New Zealand.

McCrae was represented at the regatta by 5 sailors:  
Luke Stout – 10<sup>th</sup> Ben Deed – 11<sup>th</sup> Ron Wiggins – 34<sup>th</sup>  
Keith Deed – 46<sup>th</sup> Alex Craig – 6<sup>th</sup>

Steve Brayshaw shot some great drone footage of the event at the following link:

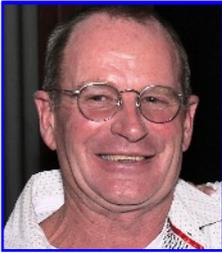
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zBw0PmKJfo>



Hello everyone,  
Time flew so quickly this season. I would like to thank all the members who helped the canteen and roll making and also for supporting us. I would also like to thank Lea Henderson, Les Mullins, Kate Rutherford and Pat d'Helin for being in charge of the canteen. Margaret Crossland, Margaret Mason, Carol Wilson, Louise Manson and Meredith Hughes for helping to ensure the roll making went smoothly. A special thanks goes to Margaret Crossland for preparing the mashed egg which was enjoyed by a lot of our members. I couldn't run the canteen and roll making without your help.

**Akemi O'Brien**





**FROM THE YARD MASTER**

Many thanks to the willing helpers who were present at our recent working bee although I suspect numbers may have been down on previous years. Like scheduled sailing days, some members are guilty of favouring B.O.M. weather forecasts that suggest dodgy

weather and choose to do other things. As things turned out (like many sailing days) the weather held well for most of the day, certainly the morning. Having said all that, I did receive a number of apologies!

Nevertheless, a good many chores were undertaken and as usual the yard and club are neat and tidy for the winter recess.

With reduced winter storage fees we already have boats in the yard and even some regular sailors enjoying what is often our best sailing conditions, albeit a little cooler.

Demand for boat storage next season is expected to be high for both monos and cats alike. So be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

For yard storage next season and in particular the eastern "catamaran" area, a reminder of a section of our By-laws: **"Storage will be allocated with a preference to those who are regular club sailors or active volunteer workers within the club"**.

Further it is also an expectation that vessels stored will also make regular contact with salt water. The yard should be an active space not a dumping area.

Finally, hope to see as many as possible at what could be the final fling that is "Hazelwood" pondage for the beginning of winter sailing.

Cheers,

**Guy Bancroft, Yardmaster**

**LASER NEWS**

Competing in Europe- two young McCrae Laser sailors, Brody Riley & Casey Imeneo have been campaigning in Europe during May. The first regatta was the 2018 Laser senior European championship held in La Rochelle, France. Only the Laser Worlds would outrank this regatta for status. The second event was the Medemblik International classes regatta in Holland. They were the only sailors from a Victorian club to attend these events. Sailors need to perform well on the European circuit to be invited to join the Australian Sailing Team. Until that happens they get no support from Australian Sailing. I hope McCrae members will offer whatever support they can to help these young aspiring sailors.

New 4.7 sailors at McCrae- Will Barrett & Finn Loader joined our Laser fleet this season in 4.7's. They both attended the Laser 'super coach camp' held at Indented Head on the last weekend in April. Fifty Lasers turned up to hear words of coaching wisdom from Olympians Sarah Ogilvie (nee Blanck) & Krystal Weir. Mark Tonner-Joyce coordinated the event & the rock stars were ably assisted by coaches Rhett Gowans(MYC) & Jack Lewis(SSCBC). The next training camp is at Albury Wodonga on Melbourne Cup weekend.

Feel like a sailing holiday? – If you are 35+ years why not jump classes in October 2018 & come to Fiji for the inaugural Oceania Laser Masters? This regatta is sponsored by Fiji Airways, Sofitel Hotels & PSA (Laser boat builder). Charter boats are available & sailing courses are on the lagoon outside the hotel. The PRO is McCrae member Peter Merritt & 15 knot trade winds are forecast. What more do you need? More details here. <http://www.lasersdownunder.com/>

Olympic news- The Laser men's & women are confirmed in for Paris 2024. More details here. <http://www.lasersdownunder.com/>

**John d'Helin**

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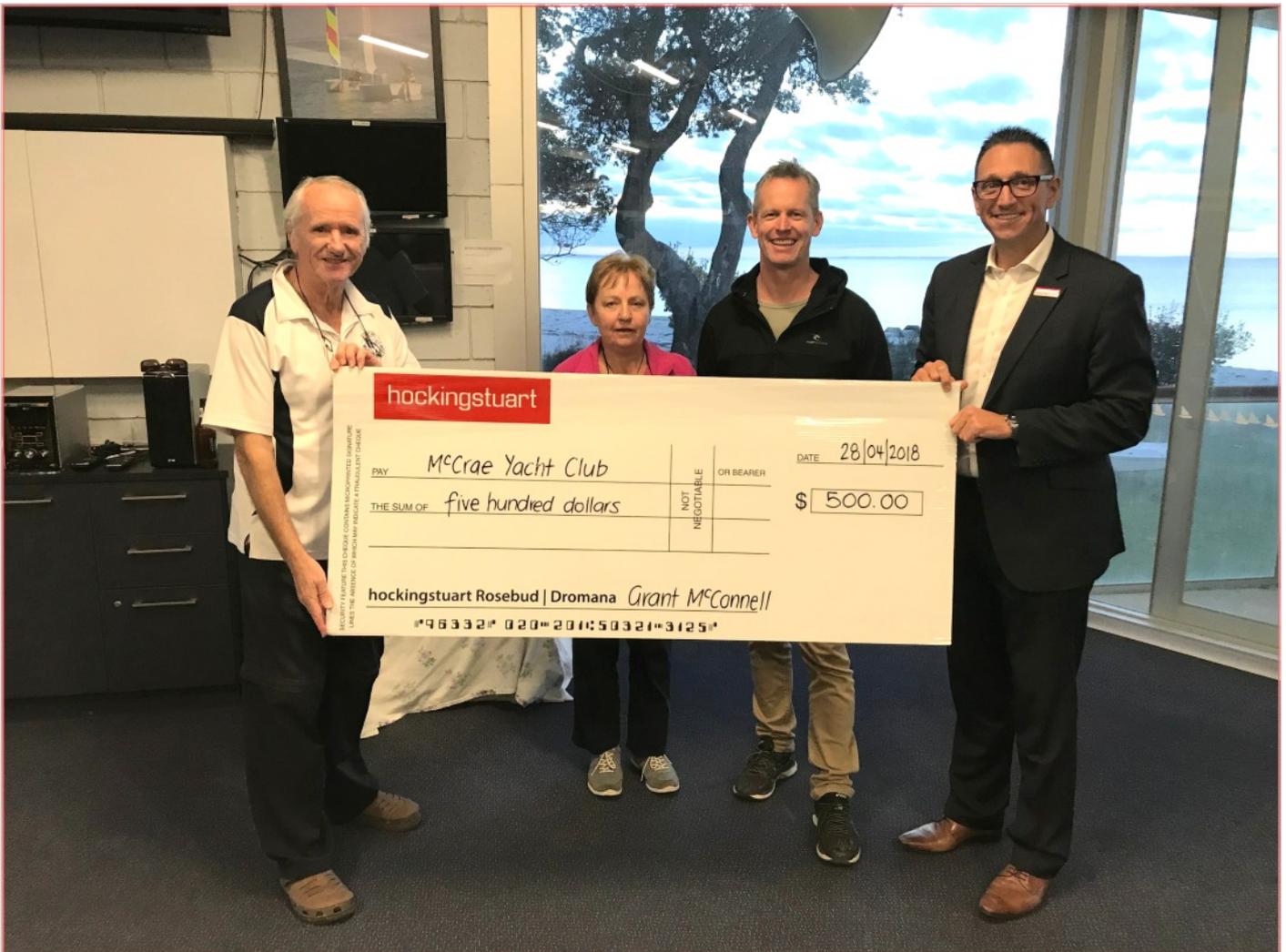
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I am pleased to report that hockingstuart Rosebud / Dromana had a record Autumn with 65 sales.

As Winter is now upon us the property market usually quietens but this year looks to be the exception. Many auctions are booked and we are confident that the Peninsula growth will continue throughout the year.

There has been many outstanding results including 1 The Eyrie McCrae \$1,300,000, 14 Bass Street McCrae \$1,570,000, 130 Flinders Street McCrae \$1,785,000, 17 Bayview Road McCrae \$815,000, 30 The Avenue McCrae \$860,000 and 15 South Road McCrae \$1,100,000.

Once again thank you to all the members for their continued support and I look forward to seeing everybody down at the club on opening day.

Please see picture above of club members John and Kay Mason, who sold their property through hockingstuart with the Commodore, Mark O'Brien receiving our donation to the Club.

Grant McConnell