

Rear Commodores Report

2019 – 2020 Season

This year has been difficult from the Club's point of view with the onset of the pandemic shortly after the Christmas break and still ongoing.

It has resulted in only urgent care and maintenance being undertaken in the March to June period but we are now able to begin to undertake other work, the first of which has been the resurfacing of the trailer park with river sand to fill the many depressions.

Thank you to all of those who attended, it was a great turnout, approx. 25 turning up. We are continuing to work on the slipway cradles doing much needed repair work to bring more cradles into service to meet the demand leading into the upcoming sailing season.

Many other routine jobs are underway to prepare the Club for the upcoming season servicing the turning marks and extending the dinghy storage to allow fully rigged boats to be securely stored.

There is much to be done including the completion of the jetty project involving removal of the railway iron supports and timber piles of the old jetty as well as fitting cables and zinc anodes to the steel piles to prevent electrolysis, all of which was put on hold during the lockdown.

Our next major project is to redevelop the slipway area to bring it up to current environmental requirements. Concept drawings are currently being undertaken for consideration of the Committee and our members.

We will display the drawings on our notice board when available for member comment.

Incorporated in this project is the possibility that we can install a marine toilet pump out facility on the fuel berth for use of our members and general boating public. At this early stage it is not sure if the idea is viable but we will keep you informed as developments occur.

The idea is to have the Club environmentally responsible with no contamination being released into the river from the Club or our members. The cost involved will require us to obtain external funding so that we can proceed.

The moorings continue to be managed by the Club on behalf of MAST and I would like to thank our members for ensuring that your mooring tackle is maintained and serviced every two years.

On a personal note it seems each year I thank our "works team" for their efforts.

The work that they do behind the scenes is never ending and ongoing. This work allows our Club to function on a proper basis and means that when a member goes to use a piece of equipment owned by the Club it is functioning properly.

The work is all voluntary and undertaken with undiminished enthusiasm.

There are too many members to name them all, however I would like to single out Keith Burrows who sadly passed away last year. He will be sadly missed. Thank you all.

Finally, Craig Titmus is stepping down from the Committee after many years of service. Craig has been working away behind the scenes doing smaller never ending jobs and on behalf of the Club I wish to acknowledge his efforts.

Looking forward to a successful upcoming sailing season.

Glen Cornish
Rear Commodore

17th July 2020