

Commodores Report

2019 – 2020 Season

As we come to the end of another successful season cut short by the Codvid 19 Virus I have taken a step back to relinquish my position as Commodore. This has been a tough time for myself as Commodore standing in this position which my Father Ian and Grandfather Jim McElwee did as past Commodores. It has been a pleasure and honour to follow in their footsteps having had family involvement since the inaugural meeting and development of the Club. To be the Commodore that was empowered to prematurely cut short the sailing season due to the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic. This has been the first time in the Club's 68 year history that the Club rooms have been closed and sailing suspended.

During my three year term as Commodore the Club has seen many positive achievements with the replacement of the jetty and pontoons, improvement to the Clubhouse with new floor coverings and window blinds. Canteen (dishwasher) and bar improvements. The installation of the solar panels to supplement our power bills. The caretaker's cottage had an internal make over. The rescue boat shed and trailer park have had improvements. The successfully orchestrated B14 World Championships along with many other National and State Regattas. These projects and events were achieved by you the members. A big thank you to all those involved. In stepping down from the position as Commodore we turn the page and create a new chapter for the history of this magnificent Club and in doing so take this opportunity to wish our new Commodore elected here today all the best in their new role.

To the present Committee I would like to thank you for your support and dedication throughout the year having achieved not only the running of many successful sailing events but maintenance and upgrades to equipment and structure no matter how big or small. To the members I would like to advise that the Club is about to commence the next major project along at the slipway. This will involve major works and there may be some delays with slipway operations pending planning and financial assistance. Our members have once again represented the Club with much success during the season participating in National State and Off Shore races. For a small regional Club we have a high percentage of members enjoying competitive sailing putting the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club's name on the map. Congratulations to all those members who participated.

The Club is once again grateful to all our sponsors, volunteers and Life Members who contribute to the running of the Club and without your continued support we would not be able to enjoy our Club.

One of our long standing members Craig Titmus and family are seeking a sea change heading for Queensland to take up new residency. Craig has served on the committee for ten years straight with two of those years serving as Rear Commodore.

During my term on the committee Craig was the man to call on for the small repairs and alterations to our facilities. From all the Members and myself thank you Craig so much for your support to the Club. We are going to miss you and of course Henry and trust your delayed move all goes well, a move envied by many of your fellow members.

To Amanda our retiring Canteen Co- Coordinator and helpers a big thank you for your tremendous work and support behind the scenes in the canteen producing lots of delicious food and snacks to our member's families and friends. To Terina and volunteers thank you for your support managing the bar.

This season has once again seen tremendous ongoing support for our junior development programme. The Tackers and Youth development programs are as I have indicated in the past the future of the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club. Thank you Greg Rowsell Principle Instructor and team for their continued commitment support and training to our junior sailors.

From myself and all the members I would like to once again acknowledge the work of our paid staff Rob Mantach and Leigh Curwen who go out of their way and beyond their call of duty to assist us the members friends and visitors to answer any inquiries or questions they may have.

As you will see from our financials we have continued to trade with a healthy outcome for the year to date. Thank you to David for keeping the books and giving the advice where required. But we still have numerous maintenance and replacement items to address over the coming years most importantly replacement of the Clubhouse roof. Lastly I wish the incoming committee the very best for season 2020/21.

Stephen McElwee
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Port Dalrymple Yacht Club