



Safety Beach Sailing Club Inc
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Commodore's Report AGM 2017

Peter Bulka

Our 50th year as a club has passed and I trust we have done the founding members proud. Our club continues to grow in stature, and I am very proud of what we have all achieved and am excited about where the club is heading.

Congratulations and thanks to our club people of the year;
Tom McCullough for putting together the 50th log book. A great read and an amazing amount of work.
Judy Champion for the years of work behind the scenes that has not gone unnoticed.
Grace Lazzar (Junior Club Person of the year) for her ongoing support and help with all the juniors.

Participation across all areas of the club continues to grow. We have more boats on the water most race days, the club buzzes with activity and even the winter series is now seeing a fleet of 25 boats. We have proved that our club is capable of running major events and over the next few years we are likely to see more visitors to our club and more opportunities than ever before.

I would like to thank our sponsors, Sport Phillip Marine, Ensign Shipbrokers, Hidden Harbour Marina, Bendigo Bank Dromana, Dromana Lions Club and Snooks Catering. Without their support, much of what we are able to do would not be possible.

A big thank you to our very active committee. Everyone works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our club running and progressing at a pace that is the envy of others.

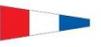
Thanks to;
Stephen Richardson – Vice Commodore
Glenn Lazzar – Rear Commodore
Ian Bond – Treasurer
Louise Warren – Secretary
Gareth Davies – Social Media & new Secretary
Katrina Mackie – Membership Officer and enews publisher
Andrew Clark – Keelboat Club Captain
Ewan Campbell – Juniors & Training
Greg Lowe – Grants Officer. Achieved another \$7,000 in grants this season.

Clubhouse and Grounds

Steve has again had a very busy year. The works to rectify the leaking issues and damage caused by this have been completed, the lawn area has been weeded and sowed, including a fully automated irrigation system to produce a great year-round lush lawn area, repainting of the kitchen and constant management of building and equipment maintenance and replacement, of which there has been a great deal this past season.

We are still planning to revamp the interior of the club. Initial concept plans are underway and the plan at this stage is to conduct this work over the winter of 2018.

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Sailing and Equipment

Glenn has put in another very busy year. Over the past two years the rescue boats and equipment have been extensively upgraded. We now have a rescue boat fleet that is at a level this club has never seen before. Upgrades to almost every boat has made them far more reliable and significantly cut our fuel bill. Sadly we said good bye to Woodsy, but on the upside we were insured and via Glenn's management and scrounging we were able to upgrade to a new larger Zodiac RIB.

Glenn also co-ordinated a full review of the club's insurance, which was found to be lacking in many areas. As an outcome, we now have much better coverage for all members at close to half the cost of what we were paying.

We are in the process of upgrading our training fleet. The three 14 year old Pacers are being sold to Portland YC and we are purchasing two brand new RS Quests. The Quests are larger and stronger boats than the Pacers. They include spinnakers and will be very exciting addition to the club.

Apart from our own club sailing and visitors from many other clubs, this past season involved the running of the i14/B14 and Minnow States, plus the inaugural Sail Peninsula Regatta. We have received an amazing amount of praise following these events. Sail Peninsula saw 46 entries this year and the hard work of Clarky, Roy and the Sail Peninsula committee will likely see in excess of 100 boats and \$20,000 profit to the club next year.

Club Finances and Administration

From Ian's report you will see that our club is in a very healthy position financially. We continue to produce a strong surplus, which has enabled us to provide many upgrades during the year and save for the upcoming internal works to the clubhouse. The Marina berth is now half paid for and producing a supplementary income.

The upgrades more than 12 months ago to the administration area of the club have simplified the running of the club's finances and allow us to report GST easily.

Ian has been managing the Shire lease negotiations and although still in progress, we are confident of obtaining a new 20 year lease at a very mild increase in rent.

Our club is in a great position and that is thanks to an endless list of members who all put in a great deal of work as volunteers. I would like to specifically thank Andrew Martin (Mono) once again for chairing the 50th birthday organising committee. The night was the most enjoyable function I've had the pleasure of attending at Safety Beach Sailing Club and much of this is thanks to Mono for his professional approach and enthusiasm for our club. His life membership is well deserved and we know just how much Mono will continue to contribute to the club for many years to come.

I would also like to thank Louise Warren and Katrina Mackie who have both served the club extremely well for a number of years. Much has changed for the better during their time on committee and the club runs better than ever before, largely due to their efforts.

Thanks again to everyone involved in making this such a great club. We are the envy of others and I trust that we can continue to remain the most welcoming, friendly and family oriented club that I have experienced in many years of sailing.

After 8 years on committee, it is time for me to step down as Commodore and off committee and leave the club in very good hands. I look forward to seeing the club flourish under the new committee and am excited about our future.

See you on the water.

Peter Bulka
Commodore