



POINT LEO BOAT CLUB
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Annual General Meeting Report January 2019

Commodore's Report

It is with great pleasure that we present this year's AGM report.

Thank you to all members for your ongoing contribution to PLBC. Point Leo continues to be a magical place where we can all enjoy a variety of activities, from social gatherings and beach activities to sailing, surfing and fishing throughout the year. If you have visited the club this summer you will have noticed a few changes. The "old girl" is now 58 years old and was in need of a little extra care this summer. The outside of the Clubhouse has been patched and painted, the ramp and boat decks have had some new boards replaced, the lower gates have had a whole new makeover and the gardens have had much love and attention. She is looking beautiful for summer and beyond with many compliments from members, guests and passersby.

As well as her appearance on the outside, with the involvement of all members, we have maintained the community atmosphere and positive environment that has been a hallmark of our Club for so many years. Please do help us to preserve the simplicity and security of PLBC by continuing to treat the Clubhouse, grounds, equipment and fellow members with kindness and respect.

A special thanks to all the Committee who work so hard to ensure that our Club meets the needs and expectations of members. Some highlights of the projects we have worked on this year have been:

- Painting of the clubhouse giving her a much needed facelift
- Formation of a long term building committee to ensure forward planning for future generations
- Continued repairs to the ramp and boat decks
- A very varied sailing program with many more sailors enjoying racing and fun outings

- Hosting another wonderful Westernport Laser Regatta for all sailors from our neighboring clubs
- A very successful Tackers program with 32 children and 6 adults learning to sail over a 4 day period in near perfect conditions;
- The maintenance of our beautiful grounds, in keeping with the Foreshore Committee's efforts to continually enhance, protect and preserve the parks environment;
- The general maintenance of the Clubhouse, including improvements to the ramp, new security cameras, repairs to the lower gates as well as ongoing general improvements;
- The very successful social calendar, including the cocktail party with over 200 members and guests enjoying a perfect evening on the deck, Australia Day long lunch, kids sailing, kids movie night, Sunday music on the deck; and
- the many financial and administration tasks required year round.

We are, however, very sorry that our Rear Commodore, Lincoln McMahon has decided to step down from his flag bearing role and his role on the committee due to time constraints and ability to be at the club as much as he would like. Lincoln has done a wonderful job as Rear Commodore, he has re-organised all the boat storage so all members know where to store their various craft in a more secure cleaner club. Lincoln has also organised our new safety boat and had a full safety crew trained up so we have always had people manning the boat for all our races. We have had some great turn outs to races thanks to his regular communications with all the sailors. Lincoln's time as Rear Commodore has been a great success and we will miss him from our committee.

We encourage all our members to continue to use the Clubhouse and its facilities often. In particular, we encourage you to participate in both the sailing and social activities on offer. We design our sailing calendar to be fun for everyone – from beginners to experienced sailors. Younger members have been enjoying the Club "Bics" and we also now have younger members with their Marine License running the safety boat for us. There are social activities for all age groups and interests.

Finally, wishing you all the very best for the year ahead. This summer has seen near perfect conditions so far for enjoying all PLBC has to offer and it is not over yet. Please continue to enjoy the club, please treat the "old girl" with respect, she needs all the love and care we can give her.

Warm regards,

Meg Price
Commodore, Point Leo Boat Club

Finance- Financial Year 2017/18

The result for the financial year 2017/18 was a surplus of \$27,485, compared to a surplus of \$26,495 the previous year.

Subscription revenue was higher than the previous year, offset by higher maintenance costs on the boat ramp.

Cash on hand at 31 August 2017 was \$204,004 of which \$200,000 was on interest bearing deposit.

At the end of the financial year the Club had 240 members. Since then 15 members have resigned and 10 new members have joined. Current membership is 235. A number of additional membership applications are being processed.

Depreciation of the clubhouse renovation has been calculated over 10 years, and depreciation of the club boats is calculated over 7 years.

The liability for debentures of \$27,400 represents 52 debentures of which 14 at a total value of \$10,200 are issued to, or have been assigned to, current members of the Club. The debentures are unsecured and indefinite as to date of repayment. No interest has been paid or accrued on the debentures.

The situation is unchanged in respect to boats owned by members of the Club – members need to arrange their own insurance, both as to property damage and public liability.

Sailing

The Sailing Sub-Committee has continued to increase the level of activity and number of sailors taking to the water over the past twelve months, while also improving safety for all Club members. This has only been possible through all the efforts of the members to assist with maintenance, training, driving safety boats and participating. Thus a very big thank you is due to all who have helped with the sailing side of the Club.

Safety

The new safety boat acquired during 2017 has continued to prove itself this season, being materially easier to launch, drive and retrieve and six further members have been approved to drive it.

The secondary safety boat continues to serve the Club well and we anticipate it should be able to keep doing so for a few more years yet.

Training

As we have in previous years PLBC, with Australian Sailing ran a very successful tackers

learn to sail program on 15th to 18th January with 38 people attending. Thank you to the parents who helped with fruit snacks and BBQ's each day, the club was full of activity fun and laughter. The weather was steamy, even foggy, with some fickle winds, however the Tackers handled the conditions well. Many thanks to the instructors who worked hard from 7am to 7pm to make it such a great success.

The Club continues to sponsor safety boat drivers through appropriate courses, as well as assisting with obtaining marine licences and Working with Children certification. This has increased the pool of people appropriately qualified to drive the Club's safety boats, however if there is anyone who wishes to learn how to drive the safety boat and become qualified, please do not hesitate to contact Lincoln McMahon at tanderra@gmail.com (even after I am no longer on the committee!).

Racing

The first race of the season was the Menzies Cup, which was contested by eleven boats, with sailors ranging in age from under ten to over sixty, in seven different types of boat. The winner on elapsed time, as well as on handicap, was Colin Beanland, followed by Andrew van Leeuwin and Rod Warren.

We have had a number of relaxed sailing days since the Menzies Cup, however more serious racing returns on 20th January, with PLBC hosting the Westernport Laser Regatta.

Social Report

The social calendar at PLBC remains a highlight of the Club's activities, whether it's an organised event or a casual dinner on the deck.

The Cocktail Party was, again, one of the most successful PLBC events of the season for members and their guests. It is a very popular opening to the season and was sold out at 220 attendees. Feedback on the event was extremely positive. We enjoyed a great new band and caterer and were kindly supported by Critendons Winery and the Rosebud Hotel for the beverages. Following the plan from last year we staggered the ticket sales to members only for a 2 week period, then opened it to guests allowing the numbers to be increased as the weather forecast remained fine. We will follow the same plan regarding sales next year. The maximum number of attendees we can safely and comfortably attend is 230. The Trybooking system works well for this event. The social committee will be looking at different ways to make the event more of a fundraiser going forward.

A movie night and sailing event was held for our junior members in conjunction with Blow UP cinemas at a \$10 charge to members including lasagna dinner and ice-creams. It was a very relaxed and fun event with around 35 kids on the boat deck enjoying the film "The Greatest Showman". Ideally this event would be held in first week of January to maximise attendance and - if appropriate - act as another fundraiser.

The junior disco was postponed this year due to the increased number of nippers

sessions and activities.

Members and guests enjoyed the Sunday Music sessions during January, which have provided another good reason to be at the Club for dinner on the deck with family and friends.

The Australia Day Long Lunch BBQ will go ahead on the 27th January. We are adopting a more informal approach to the catering and are very confident that the quality will remain high and be enjoyed by many, as well as generating a profit.

Grounds Report

The Club grounds continue to benefit from the extensive planting and care applied over the last three years. We have had enough rain during the summer and autumn, to foster the growth of the trees (across 80 indigenous species), grasses and shrubs. We are also seeing the benefit of regular work undertaken in the ground by members with support from a small team employed to assist.

The Point Leo Foreshore Committee has expressed its pleasure in seeing the Club grounds being rejuvenated, especially given the extensive planting and weed control over the previous year. This includes the external work on the Clubhouse and the beach-level cage and gates.

