

**MARAETAI BEACH BOATING CLUB INC**  
**COMMODORES'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

I have pleasure in bringing you the 64th Annual Report of the Maraetai Beach Boating Club. Our membership reached 1467 this year. This includes 468 community members.

**OBITUARIES**

To all our members who have lost a loved family member or friend during the year, please accept our sincere condolences.

**PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

In addition to normal repairs and maintenance our major undertaking for the year was the implementation of new membership cards and member database software. Thank you to our major sponsor 'Kev & Ian's Marine Ltd.' with this project. A complete bottom bar repaint and painting of the sailing sheds. The bottom bar repaint was undertaken by a team of volunteers led by Konrad Attenberger who without their help the cost of the project would have been prohibitive in this year. A special thanks to those who lent equipment and Ian Twist of 'Solution Textures Ltd.' for spray painting after hours enabling the job to be completed in double quick time. The sailing sheds repaint was started led by the Maraetai Sailing Club again done on a volunteer / working bee basis, many thanks to all those who helped.

The underside of the main pavilion exposed to the sea was repainted.

**STAFF**

Thank you to Sally, Amanda, Thomas, Peter Nalder, and Jason who have kept our club running on a daily basis throughout the year. This year some long standing and pivotal staff members left us for new vocations, along with the caterer so the year seemed to be consumed with recruitments from September through to March. Temporary staff were employed for cover during critical periods and this is reflected in the annual accounts. Our new caterers Khaled & Badee have settled in and the restaurant is performing well. I welcome to the team Sally Howearth our new club Secretary who took over from Arlene and is busy streamlining the admin systems. To support the staff we have an able crew of volunteers and sponsors. From all of us a big thank you, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

**FISHING COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

Dedicated committee members donate their time freely to organise these events and I wish to thank them on behalf of all club members. These committees need your help so if you want to join in on the Social Committee or Fishing and Dive committee then just make yourself known. Read the 'Wots On' or visit the club website for what is planned ahead.

**SPONSORS**

Sponsors are very important to our club and contribute greatly by supplying goods and services to keep our costs down for events, new projects or maintenance. On behalf of the management team and the entire membership thank you, and please support the people and businesses who support your club.

**FEES**

The management committee recommend that there be no change in the fees for the 2018/19 year. If an email address is on your file your invoice will be emailed this year. All subscriptions that are paid by Debit or Credit Card, a surcharge of 2.5% shall apply to recover bank fees. No surcharge shall apply to eftpos or online bank payments.

## **PROJECTS FOR 2018/2019**

The focus for the year is to reduce our bank loan and consolidate. No major projects are planned other than the sailing sheds and Custodian house painting will be completed.

The club will continue to submit an application to the Lotteries Commission for a grant to complete stage two of the building plan. Stage two will not commence unless sufficient cash funds are available to complete the project, complying with the terms of our stage one loan.

## **COMMODORES COMMENTS**

The year has been very challenging with the turnover of staff and caterers taking a huge amount of time and energy. The extra costs of employment of temporary staff and training plus the training of new staff has been reflected in our accounts for the year. Despite this the management committee continued with the vision of continued improvement to the facilities so as to secure the future for the next generation of members, and ensure that those who wish to fully benefit from what the club has to offer beyond just launching the boat is the most enjoyable it can be.

The management committee can plan, fund and complete improvements to add value for all members, but what cannot be controlled is that members will actually patronise the facility. It is disappointing, the downturn in patronage by members over the last year meant we could not meet the budgeted financial targets. This being the case the club has still met all commitments and paid down some debt, installed new admin systems and completed budgeted capital works and kept our head above water.

I like all the management committee and staff are fully committed and passionate about what this club has to offer its members and the community at large. Boating is what the club is all about and will always come first, however we have a marvellous facility right on the water's edge that should be utilised and enjoyed by the local community and thus our community membership will be encouraged.

The Commodores Ball and Annual Awards dinner is going to be held in July and I look forward to seeing you all there. In closing I would like to thank the membership, the management team, staff and committees for the support given to me over the year. I am honoured to be part of such a great team of people.

Remember this is your club - Use it and Enjoy it.

**Murray Kimpton**

**COMMODORE**

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