

MARAETAI BEACH BOATING CLUB INC
COMMODORES'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL 2020

I have pleasure in bringing you the 66th Annual Report of the Maraetai Beach Boating Club. Our membership reached 1422 a decrease of 32.

OBITUARIES

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

PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR.

The proposed purchase of a replacement tractor was put on hold thanks to the Maraetai Sailing Club (MSC) who generously make their tractor available for ramp water blasting and other small duties as required. This has freed up capital for use on other projects to the benefit of both clubs.

The major achievements for the year were a further \$29,804 repayment of the bank loan and a \$25,000 interior renovation to the custodian house that comprised a new kitchen, laundry, redecorated bedroom, and lounge. This will ensure that for many years in the future the boat club can offer an accommodation package that is capable of attracting and keeping quality custodial staff.

Much of the maintenance and improvements money spent this year is not visible when the boat is being launched and understandably people query where does their money go? Here is list of where some of it went this year in addition to routine maintenance.... New: Boat jump starter pack, mooring poles, water pumps, water blaster, knapsack sprayer, Pallet racking, Fish weighing scales, backpack vacuum cleaner, office equipment, exterior bar stools, commercial oven, commercial gas griddle, restaurant room dividers, kitchen and benchtops, set of whiteware appliances, carpet, vinyl, floor tiles, timber, paint, and a defibrillator housed in the custodian office which was a 50/50 purchase with MSC.

STAFF

Thank you to Sally, Amanda, Warwick, Peter, Muzz, and our catering team Zebh, Tony, Henry, and Ash who have all shown an outstanding level of commitment in a year unlike what has been seen in a very long time. Thank you also the team of enthusiastic bar and cleaning support staff who collectively make our club a clean and happy place to visit and add enjoyment to our day.

Jason and Jess left us in February and Muzz our new bar manager joined the team one week before Covid-19 lock-down. Warwick was appointed mid 2019 as custodian and continues with the tradition of maintaining the launching facilities to a high standard.

FISHING COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The volunteers in these sections of the club work hard in the background donating their time to organise events for us all to enjoy. On behalf of all the membership, thank you, and it is appreciated by us all. The club would not be as enjoyable as it is without the effort you all put in.

These sections of the club need your help so if you can spare a bit of time and are prepared to help occasionally then make yourself known, you do not need to attend meetings.

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. Members please support the people and businesses who support your club.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The management committee recommend that there be an increase in membership fees. Full (family) Membership to be increased by \$20 per annum and Veteran Membership to be increased by \$10 per annum. Community Memberships should remain unchanged.

If an email address is on your file your invoice will be emailed.

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 2019/2020

Maintenance on the launching pontoons is scheduled for this financial year. This is priority work and quotes/options are being investigated. The work will be completed July - August.

With persistence and dedication the funding committee was successful in winning a \$20,000 grant from Pub Charities towards Stage Two of the proposed building works. This money must be expended by 31st July 2020 or returned.

It is the intention of the management committee to attempt renovating the outside toilets in line with the Stage Two construction plans. The current facility is not of the standard we aspire too and is well overdue for a revamp. The renovation budget is \$65,000 less the \$20,000 grant leaving a shortfall of \$45,000 in cash funds. Consideration is being given to a small redraw on the current bank loan in combination with a fund-raising campaign yielding at least \$10,000 to fund the shortfall. If this target cannot be achieved or the risk to the club is too great, the grant money will be returned.

COMMODORES COMMENTS

The \$250,000 bank loan facility taken for Stage One of the building project now stands at \$95,222 and the club is on track with repayments. A lump sum repayment last year of \$20,000 from surplus funds means we are ahead of the repayment schedule. Due to renovating the custodian accommodation the planned \$20,000 lump sum reduction in the 2019/20 year did not eventuate.

Stage Two of the building works (outside toilets, wet rooms / showers, enlarged kitchen, & storage room) is proving to be a much harder target to accomplish. Despite continued applications for funding it is becoming increasingly apparent that we are on our own, so to accomplish Stage Two it will be necessary to break it down into manageable chunks, meaning unfortunately it will cost more.

In the last two months of the financial year Covid-19 meant the club has had to close the gates, hunker down and survive circumstances beyond its control like most other businesses. Despite coming out the other side of lock-down relatively undamaged financially the management committee are taking a very cautious approach to what the next few years may bring, knowing full well that boating although enjoyable relies heavily on a family's discretionary income.

The Commodores Ball and Annual Awards dinner this year will be held in August 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.

Murray Kimpton
COMMODORE
MARAETAI BEACH BOATING CLUB INC.