



2016/17

Annual Report

Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.

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Victoria

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Program

11.30 am	Pre-lunch refreshments
12.00 pm	Shared Lunch
12.30 pm	General Committee Meeting
12.45 pm	Trophy Presentation
1.15 pm	Special General Meeting
1.45 pm	Annual General Meeting

Agenda

1. Welcome by Commodore Andrea McGregor
2. Confirmation of minutes from the previous AGM held 29 May 2016.
3. Commodore to present Annual Report
 - a. Motion – That the members receive the Annual Report of the General Committee on the activities of the Association during 2016/17.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Motion – That the members receive the financial statements of the Association for 2016/17 submitted by the General Committee.
5. Set Annual Ordinary Member Subscription to apply from 1 July 2017 Motion – That from 1 July 2017 the Bendigo Yacht Club Annual Ordinary Member Subscription shall be \$ 290
6. Appointment of the Auditor
 - a. We acknowledge with appreciation our Auditor, Accounting Management Consultants Pty Ltd who have audited our records and affairs for the year ended 30 April 2017.
7. To elect officers of the Association and members of the General Committee.
8. Positions to be filled:
 - a. Commodore
 - b. Vice commodore
 - c. Rear Commodore
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Treasurer
 - f. Ordinary members (up to 5)
9. Commodore's closing comments
10. Close of Annual General meeting
11. Afternoon Tea and Refreshments

Annual Report

General Committee	Commodore	Andrea McGregor Turner	Vice Commodore	Ron Mason
	Rear Commodore	John Maher	Secretary	Ken Mann
	Treasurer	Simon Carter	Immediate Past Commodore	
	Ordinary Members	Rowan Gillies Warren Matheson	Hugo Dunlop Anita Hunter	Steve Phillis Mark Hawkins
Sailing Committee	Chairman	John Maher	Ken Coulson	Phillip Mann
	Secretary	Ewan Watson Ken Hill	Mark Hawkins	Mick Floyd



Commodore's Report

First, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the members of our General Committee. Each one of them has worked tirelessly to achieve the substantial improvements you see about you, and some you don't see. Briefly outlined below are only a few of the achievements of these wonderful people.

- Our **Sailing School** continues to grow and be an outstanding success, in high demand, under the expert guidance of Anita Hunter and Mick Floyd, aided by Doug Carswell, John Maher, Jacob McDonald and many assistants; all who give their time to instruct the large numbers of students.
- Our **Buildings and Grounds** have seen several improvements over the last twelve months; most of which were undertaken at "working bees" under the direction of Ron Mason and Phil Mann. Not only were there aesthetic improvements, but also there have been upgrades to the power supply to caravans and the switchboard.
- **Social and Marketing** was managed by our very own piper, Warren Matheson, he has been working hard on getting our "brand" out there. Warren coordinated the Club display at the Bendigo Agricultural Show, under trying conditions, rain, cold, wind etc. Also Warren was successful in gaining donations from Big W for raffles; he arranged for the Bendigo Highland Pipe Band to perform for us on our Season Opening day and managed to obtain publicity for our Discover Sailing Day.
- On WWW (World Wide Web), we are out there, thanks to Steve Phillis, **IT and Member Protection**, and his computer and web skills. Facebook is a great tool to share notice of our activities, send messages to our members and generally keeping in contact. Steve also coordinated the introduction of "Wi-Fi" at the club; enjoyed by all.
- Ken Mann has managed the **Secretarial** tasks in an unflappable manner. Although we are at the club on the weekends, the job of Secretary does not limit itself to those times; Ken is virtually on call, responding to queries, managing minutes and agendas and collating a never-ending influx of correspondence.
- Simon Carter again undertook the role of **Treasurer** for this past season although he is very busy at work; thankfully, Helen Sharrock volunteered to support Simon as **Bookkeeper**. Helen has proven to be a great asset to not only Simon but also all the committee with her experience and knowledge of bookkeeping and reporting. Frankly, we are eternally thankful for Helen's assistance.
- The **Sailing Committee** are aptly represented in the General Committee by the smiling face of John Maher. John took on an enormous number of duties

this year, thrown in at the deep end, becoming **Rear Commodore**, not entirely, what he was expecting when joining the committee. John, you have been the backbone of many activities and tasks, we are very grateful.

- Anita Hunter, has not only been deeply involved in the success of the Sailing School, she has been working on developing **Sponsorship and Partnership** packages for the coming season. Anita has been travelling to meetings and early starts for the training of our students, initiating our online entry for events and assisting in the promotion of our highly successful "Discover Sailing Day".
- Mark Hawkins and Hugo Dunlop who were seconded to join the committee as **General Members** this year have proven to be of valuable assistance, their contributions in our Discover Sailing Days, working bees, display at the Bendigo Show and a wealth of knowledge to be tapped at any time, day or night are appreciated.
- Rowan Gillies, is a rock, under enormous personal pressure this year, he has maintained our **Boat Parking/Storage, Sailability**, and with John Maher, have been active in ensuring we are compliant with **OH&S** requirements.

Sadly, we said goodbye to one of the most vibrant and active members of our club, Cath Gillies. Cath will be remembered by all. In her honour, the Perpetual Cath Gillies Lady Skippers Race was held for the first time; aptly won by Di Floyd on her Impulse.

This year has proven to be a challenge in many respects, however in many more it has been a wonderful experience. I have developed friendships, learned much about our members and am honoured by the support I have received throughout.

There are many people who should be thanked, my apologies for not mentioning you all, however I sincerely appreciate all that you do for us, keep it up.

We aim to expand on our sailing offering with social activities being an area on which to focus for the next season, all in response to your feedback on our recent survey. We will be aiming to have more social events, continue our improvements and run more sailing school programs for those who have been unable to attend due to demand.

Let us build on what we have already achieved this year and continue to make our club a wonderful place for all members and friends alike, sailing and social.

Andrea McGregor, Commodore

Secretary's Report

Well, another enjoyable year down with a full lake and plenty of camaraderie. That is what I love about this club; not just the beautiful setting on the lake, the vista that greets you every time you arrive or the changeable and challenging sailing conditions, but mainly the people. Sailing seems to attract more than its fair share of characters with diverse talents and interests. It is the people all of you who make the club a great place to be. Thanks.

Sadly, we lost a stalwart of the Club this year. Cath Gillies passed away 19th March 2017 surrounded by her family. She had an enormous impact on the club and was involved in virtually every activity. Her input included; running the Canteen, Cadet live-in weekends, sail training sessions, Sailability, race control and rescue, facilities caretaker and was an active sailor, not just supporting Rowan but many other skippers as well.

On a brighter note, water levels in the lake have improved significantly. As I write, the lake is at about 280, 000 ML, slowly dropping from a high of 330,000 ML in October last year. This is a remarkable improvement from about 70,000 ML at the same time last year, which was the result of a slow and steady drop for the previous 3 years or more. Depressing! Let us hope the current trend remains.

It seems that with the lake levels improving, so does the vibrancy of the club. There have been a lot of great improvements made to the club's amenity this year

Building and Grounds Report

This season members have been busy around the club. Completed maintenance tasks have included the repair of the steps at the entrance to the common room, the repainting of most of the clubhouse exterior and painting of the toilets. We have also replaced the rusted gutter on the southern end of the clubrooms roof, installed roller blinds to the west windows of the common room and the control room to block out sun glare, repaired the main pump suction hose and replaced a broken gate valve. We have also had the power posts to the caravan park replaced and have authorised the upgrade to the main meter box which will see the replacement of the obsolete fuses with compliant fuses and residual current devices. Other issues addressed include minor repairs to the sliding door on the boat shed, unblocking of the urinal drain and various other tasks.

There are a number of maintenance tasks that are outstanding, especially in the toilets. As these areas will undergo major upgrades as part of our refurbishment

thanks particularly to Commodore Andrea, and to Ron Mason and all the working bee participants for making it an even greater place to be. We have a terrific and stable base of long-term members who, like me, continue to enjoy the social and sailing aspects of the club. We also have a strong influx of new members and families interested and keen to pick up this sport and share in the fun. Welcome to all those new members and families. Enjoy.

Last year at this time, we had 221 Members, which was a steady decline from previous years. We have now turned a corner with 239 financial members. Of these, there are:

- 4 Life Members
- 140 Youth and Family Members
- 36 Ordinary Members
- 52 Veteran Members
- 7 with other Member categories

Thanks especially to Helen Sharrock and Simon Carter for running the books and making the membership record-keeping process much easier.

Ken Mann, Secretary

plan, it is intended that we only attend to urgent tasks. Members are reminded that the club has maintenance request forms available to be used to alert us of any maintenance requests. Using these forms will ensure that your requests get to the right person and expedite rectification of the problem.

This season we have started the clubhouse improvements. The first stage is the building of the outdoor kitchen. This will enable us to gut the existing kitchen annexe so that area can be converted into a disabled toilet. When the disabled toilet is complete, we will commence work on the improvements to the toilets. The final stage of the refurbishment will be the kitchen upgrade. There has been significant support for the deck outside the common room, work will commence on that in parallel with the clubhouse refurbishment works.

The outdoor kitchen project is well on the way and will be completed over the winter. This project would not

have progressed so well without the tremendous support of those members who have attended our working bees. It has been a privilege to lead this project with the support, enthusiasm and great comradery shown by all those who have contributed.

Despite the success of the outdoor kitchen project, I am of the opinion that most of the work on the clubhouse refurbishment (but not the outdoor decking) should be undertaken by external contractors, either under a tender process or by employing contractors individually under the supervision of appropriate BeYC members. Given that most of the refurbishment work will require qualified plumbers, it makes sense for us to organise a couple of working bees to gut the toilets etc. and then have the plumbers come in and install and fit the new plumbing fixtures. This will achieve the dual outcome of progressing the job so that there is minimum disruption

to the members and will reduce the burden on members having to attend so many working bees. Next summer season could be spent consolidating our finances for the project (chasing grants, donations, social fundraisers etc.,) and limiting our building efforts primarily to the construction of the outdoor deck. Members' opinions on this strategy are very much welcomed.

There are several other smaller projects in the pipeline including upgrading of the lawn area and sprinkler/irrigation system, repair, repainting of the entrance sign, and modernising of our childrens playground.

Ron Mason

GMW Liaison Person's Annual Report

Permit to Race

GMW have upgraded their requirements for our annual permit to hold yacht racing on Lake Eppalock. One of the changes meant we had to place signage on our marker buoys indicating that BeYC was using them for racing. Thanks to Ian Wallis for his work in having the signage ready for the start of our racing season.

There were several other compliance requirements including providing a Communications plan and a Risk Management plan as well as proof of our Public Liability cover and a Racing locality plan.

Annual Compliance Audit

For the first time GMW initiated a self-audit by clubs instead of the usual annual compliance inspection. This was an onerous exercise because most of the required documentation was either outdated or non-existent. The committee has been burdened with instigating and complying with several policies and procedures including:

Creation of a Bushfire attack management plan, which includes the nomination of Fire wardens.

- An annual Essential Services inspection and report.
- An annual Arborist report and action plan.
- Updating of our Effluent Emergency Response plan.
- A Fuel storage and decanting policy.
- A comprehensive Risk Management Plan.

There were in excess of 20 items for inspection on which we had to provide reports. It is expected that the annual self-audit will continue to be a substantial exercise. GMW expects us to comply with all of our policies and procedures. There is a financial and labour burden associated with this compliance.

Also for the first time we had to organise self-audits of the caravan park site holders. While there are several items that need attention, the caravan park sites will only need some minor work to be fully compliant. Thanks to the site holders for their co-operation in the filling out and returning of their self-audit forms. Because we have now created and updated all our audit documentation and have it stored electronically, we will be able to comply with our annual self-audit more easily and efficiently.

Ron Mason

Sponsorship and Partnerships

This year the sponsorship came by trophies presented to winners at the Icebreaker and Australia Day Regattas and provision of discount vouchers to participants in sail training. For this, we thank Magic Marine for their ongoing support to the club. Special thanks also to the 'cruisers' who also successfully developed a new club calendar with profits funding one student.

Building and attracting sponsor relationships to benefit the club with additional resources and funding will assist the future growth of our regattas and training programs. The committee has agreed to support an instructor-training program that will allow more courses to be offered. The club this year developed a new teardrop

sign and flyer available for use during promotional and club events that will also support our program.

We look forward to a successful campaign providing benefits to both sponsor and club with new attractive packages to roll out next year for training, regattas and partnership sponsors. Club members will be encouraged to use their networks and to hopefully welcome new colleagues and organisations to the club.

Anita Hunter



Social and Marketing Annual Report

It has been a big learning curve for me. I have been thrown in the deep end without a clue what to do.

I have spent a great deal of time trying to get as much free publicity for the club as possible, with a small amount of success, getting articles published in the Bendigo Weekly and the Midland Express, as well as getting some air play on the radio.

The Bendigo Show was also a means to get the Bendigo Yacht Club brand into the public eye, with only moderate results compared to the amount of work put in by me and other club members.

We were able to secure sponsorship in the form of product donations from Big W and discounts from Goodall Design, thanks Anita Hunter and John Maher. A

lot of work put into trying to get sponsorship from other companies with minimal success.

The season opening this year I believe was a great start for what turned out to be a great season. We were honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Greater Bendigo Rod Fyffe, also the member Bendigo, Lisa Chesters and member for Euroa, Steph Ryan as well as other distinguished guests. We were also entertained by the Bendigo Highland Pipe Band. We also had Bendigo Highland Pipe Band play for Santa at the Christmas party and Sophie's Choice play well into the night.

Don't forget the upcoming dinner at the Bendigo Stadium on Thursday the 29th of June starting at 6.30pm where 30% of all meal takings go directly to the club.

Warren Matheson

Sailing Committee Report

The 2016 Winter Series saw twelve boats and crew line up to brave the elements and ensure their sailing skills were kept fresh for the summer season. As it turned out, little bravado was required as fine sailing conditions prevailed for the five races held on the last Saturday of each month - April through to August.

Our 2016-17 summer sailing season kicked off with the lake sitting one hundred and ten percent full for the Ice Breaker Regatta, held over the three-day AFL Grand Final long weekend. This date was chosen to bolster numbers; unfortunately, either the lure of the footy on Saturday or the extremely inclement weather in the preceding days resulted in poor attendance at this event. Nonetheless, those that sailed were rewarded with good racing conditions and a very enjoyable regatta. This coming season the event will be held on the first weekend of the Victorian School Holidays.

Discover Sailing Day in November was extremely well attended by the public. Many attendees including several families have since joined the club, enrolled in sailing school, and continue to participate in our club sailing and social activities.

BeYC's 2016-17 Championship Series saw keenly contested racing taking place in both the Metcalfe and Kimbolton Series events, albeit with somewhat smaller numbers than last season. It was encouraging to see several sailing school graduates take part in the racing throughout the latter part of the season, boding well for increased participation in the upcoming 2017-18 season. Twilight Series 2017 was moved from Wednesday evenings to Friday with the aim of encouraging members

to spend more time being active at the club. The number of boats taking part along with the number of members and guests staying on to socialise and enjoy a BBQ meal afterwards indicates this was a successful move. There was a significant increase in sailors and families in attendance when compared with the last couple of seasons.

Australia Day Regatta 2017 saw entries double those of the Icebreaker Regatta, and while the weather was not conducive to sailing on the final day, conditions on the first day enabled three closely contested races to be sailed. It is expected these numbers will increase in 2018 with the event falling on a long weekend.

This season's trophy races saw a diverse range of sailing conditions, including a 'challenging' trip around the island early in the season and a return to the 'chasing' format of the Hudson's Handicap Stern chaser event mid-season. The final event saw eleven lady skippers (predominantly sailing school graduates); take to the lake in pursuit of the inaugural 'Cath Gillies Memorial' Ladies Skipper's Race trophy.

On a personal level, I thank my fellow members of the Sailing Committee for the wonderful support given to me as Sailing Committee Chair. At club level, this dedicated group of sailors deserve a huge thank you for the time, effort, knowledge and skills they provided to ensure all our members were able to participate in another well-organised and smoothly run year of sailing.

John Maher, Chairman

IT & Membership Protection Manager

This year I have continued with keeping our website up to date and working with club members to ensure our website is relevant. Although the website is functional, improvements in the future will see greater ability for people to register online to events. Anita has done an excellent job of introducing online registrations. We welcome any feedback to improve our website and we are looking for another volunteer or two to assist in keeping our website up to date (no expertise required, believe me!).

In recent months we connected to nbn and we are now offering members access to WiFi. Alongside this we

have developed a policy that encourages appropriate use of the clubs WiFi.

As a committee we recently developed a BeYC child safety policy in accordance with requirements. Over the coming months, we will be working with YV around ways of promoting inclusiveness and child safety.

Although the season is almost at a end, I encourage us all to look for opportunities to connect and care for one another.

Steve Phillis

Catering Report

During the 2016-17 season, the Canteen catered for working bees, end of Sailing School barbeque lunches and two regattas. The Christmas Party and Season Opening were real treats with Warren Matheson and the Bendigo Highland Pipe Band entertaining us.

Following a Canteen meeting in October, a few changes were implemented to assist in the management of the canteen.

These were: -

- Food prices remained the same but drink prices were increased
- Rescue baskets became the responsibility of race crews, supported by the canteen helpers

- Judy Heath took on the role of Purchasing Officer for canteen and cleaning items
- Helen Sharrock assisted with book keeping and banking

Many thanks to Andrea McGregor, Margaret Grant and Barb McEwan for their continued support in the management of the Canteen, Helen Sharrock for banking and to the other members who assisted during the season.

Judy Heath



Sailability Report

Sailability Bendigo 2016/2017

Bendigo Yacht Club- Sailability Bendigo has successfully completed another season of delivering the Sailability Program. This year proved to be challenging in some ways with a significant weed issue at our main location – Lake Weeroona. The committee were able to secure an alternative venue, in conjunction with the City of Greater Bendigo, to continue delivering the Sailability program.

This year we had individuals join our program in addition to people from eight different disability organisations including: Scope, Windaring, Interchange Loddon Mallee, Golden City Support Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Bendigo Access Skills, Distinctive Options and Our Shared Access.

A season highlight was the development of our Strategic Plan made possible through a Victorian State Government grant and communityvibe. This is an exciting step forward for Bendigo Yacht Club – Sailability Bendigo and will help us to continue delivering the program to a high standard.



Participants

A total of 54 people participated in Sailability Bendigo in 2016/2017. An increase of 12 people from 2015/2016.

54

Volunteers

Throughout the 2016/17 season, 50 people who volunteered with us, with 15 being Bendigo Bank Staff

50

Sailing Days

Throughout the 2016/2017 season there was 6 sailing days with a further 3 days cancelled. We hosted 2 volunteer training days.

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Key Areas Strategic Plan

There are 6 key areas in the Sailability Bendigo Strategic Plan 2017-2020.

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Management and Governance

Increased Participation

Volunteer Development

Facilities and Equipment

Financial Sustainability

Partnering Development



Training Report

It has been another busy year at our sailing school. The table below lists the number of students and highlights the increase in 2017 for the courses that were run. Quite a few of these participants were new to the club and to sailing. This means these people are new club members as all our participants must first join the club before enrolling in a course. This is great for the club and for sailing generally and highlights the important role our training plays in providing a pathway into sailing for someone who has an interest but needs to learn how to get started. I feel that this is the most important function the training school performs within the club. Another important function is that of helping existing club members improve their sailing through the more advanced courses or, as in the case of the four people who completed their powerboat handling course, it allows members to gain additional skills and qualifications. These roles fit nicely with the purposes of the club as stated in our rules, in particular;

1. To promote and encourage the sport of yachting;
2. To provide training and tuition in the art of sailing and in any other disciplines related thereto.

Of course, none of this would be able to happen without the volunteers that organise and run our training program. Our instructors, Jacob, Johnny, Doug, John, Sarah, Alyssa, Campbell, Julie and Colin have put in many hours running our courses in addition to the time they have spent getting and maintaining their qualifications. Anita, our training coordinator has done all the organisation needed to run a successful program and Michael stepped in and acted as the DSC Principal while I was away, keeping things going nicely. There have been quite a few other people who have been regular helpers, Ewan, Lil and Rob too mention a few, which is greatly appreciated. There is quite a bit of work to be done setting up each morning when training is on. And of course, we can always use more help. If you are at all interested in helping either as a qualified instructor or as assistant instructor or simply volunteering to help in

other ways please talk to either Anita or myself. There are great opportunities.

There are also sponsorship options. There is only so much that the club resources can cover. If we can get some extra help from local businesses or other organisations, we will be able to do more in the way of instructor training and offer better and different training options. Again, please talk to Anita or myself if you have any ideas or offers.

The club is an accredited Australian Sailing Discover Sailing Centre (DSC). While there is quite a bit of work and some expense involved in maintaining this accreditation it is well worth the effort. It ensures we are offering quality, up-to-date courses with qualified instructors. It also means that the club and members are covered properly insurance wise and that we are offering a high level of safety for participants.

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate all the participants. It has been a great year and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it all. It is fantastic to see so many people who are just starting out on their sailing experience getting out and mucking about in boats!

Course Information

Start Date	Course	Participants
22 Oct 2016	Start Sailing 1	6
22 Oct 2016	Start Racing	10
26 Jan 2017	Powerboat Handling	4
04 Feb 2017	Start Sailing 1	19
04 Feb 2017	Start Sailing 2	6
04 Feb 2017	Start Racing	10
Total Number		55

Mick Floyd, DSE Principal

Cruising Division Report

The last 12 months have seen us travel to several interesting places. We have still about 10 interested members and although we have our group of regulars, the others join us occasionally.

At the beginning of the sailing season last year a few of us tackled the Murray River from Mildura to Wentworth via Red Cliffs which was a great trip where, for the first few days sunscreen was our constant companion, after that wet weather gear was needed.

Christmas saw us at the Gippsland Lakes on an unorganised cruise where members came and went as they pleased to wherever the wind took us.

Our big cruise this year was to Cowen's Creek off the Hawkesbury River for 5 days. The country is magnificent with rugged high cliffs, waterfalls and tremendous thunderstorms. We ventured into Pittwater, out in Broken Bay, and circumnavigated Lion Island. All this only 15 kilometres from the Sydney suburbs.

In February, we sailed to Armstead Winery on the Heathcote arm of the lake, which is a great destination

for a day cruise where we enjoyed lunch in a delightful setting.

Weekend cruises are always fun and very relaxing and are great for those who find getting away during the week difficult. We have explored local rivers and recently we visited the Coliban River and found quite a few good spots to stop.

This season we have had a mixed bag of weather from sunny days to very wet ones, but our cruises have been by no means boring and always very enjoyable.

Planning is underway for Sydney Harbour, which is our next big cruise in September, and our group have been asked for input into future cruises.

Any club member wishing to join in cruising please call me and I will explain what we do and where we are planning to go.

Ken Coulson, Cruising

Mainsheet

Some time ago, I was asked to take on the job as Editor of Mainsheet and have found it is a job I thoroughly enjoy.

Mainsheet has been in existence almost as long as the Bendigo Yacht Club has. It has seen quite a few Editors over the years, each adding their own little tweaks to try and make it just that little bit better. The biggest change to Mainsheet came with the introduction of electronic media and our little monthly newsheet is now delivered by email to members in full colour. Of course, there are a few people who do not have email addresses and

thanks to the Federal Member for Bendigo, Ms Lisa Chesters, hard copies are printed and are then sent by snail mail.

Mainsheet is produced to keep members up to date with the doings of the club and members are encouraged to add articles of interest whether it is on racing, cruising, cadet activities, social or any anecdotes of club happenings. The closing date for articles to be added can be found on the second page of each edition.

Jenny Coulson

CATHERINE ANN GILLIES

The Bendigo Yacht Club recently faced the sad death of a very special person, Cath Gillies.

All member's thoughts are with Rowan, David, Sally, Mark, Abby, Tavis, Adriana and Blake. The Gillies family have been active members since the late 1970's.

"Where is Cath Gillies?" or "Ask Cath" were commonly heard statements at the club. She was a leader, helper and Mrs Fix-it! Cath, the photocopier's jammed; The pumps aren't working; How do we get the watering system set up?? Where will I find ??

Cath worked in all ways at the club, as well as heading up the canteen in recent years.

She frequently filled in as crew for club races, titles and Marley Points. Cath was always there to help the kids with their boats, with rescue boat duty, also with Discover Sailing, the Active After School Program as well as Sailing School lunchtime BBQ's.

Cath was passionate about Sailability, always being there to help.

This community dedication of Cath was also clearly shown in her commitment to Netball in Bendigo from young players, young mothers and the Masters Games. Cath was there organising, playing, coaching or driving the bus.

A truly caring person who always had time to listen, talk, dance on table tops and, best of all, watch the moon over Lake Eppalock from her favourite seat.

The Canteen Ladies have recently purchased a new native plant, a "Ring Ding Ding" Correa, to remember Cath at her favourite sitting spot. Thank you to the Gillies boys for planting it. When you think of Cath, please give this plant a water at the same time.

I sit there, talk to Cath, and feel at peace for her.

SHIRLEE & ALLAN HUDSON

It is with much sadness that Bendigo Yacht Club notes the recent passing of two of our long-time members, Shirlee & Alan Hudson, both in their 94th year, and within 3 weeks of each other.

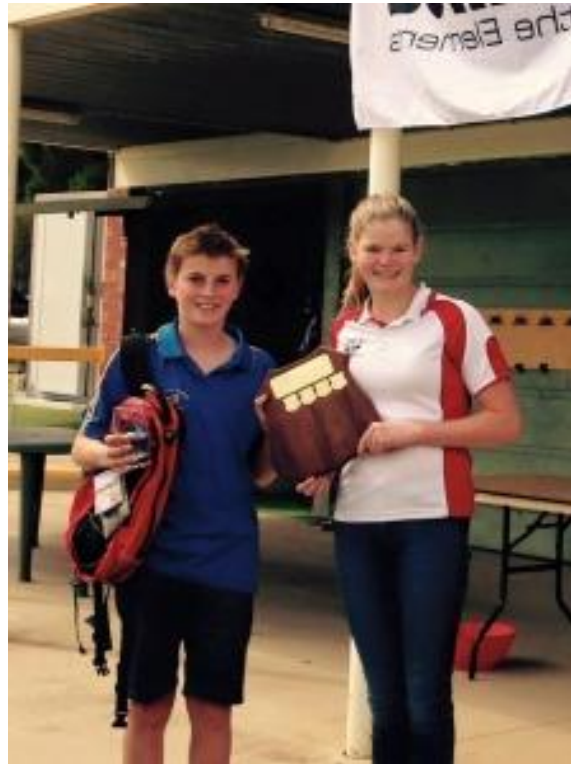
In about 1970 Shirlee and Alan moved from Mildura to Bendigo where Alan, not finding golf to his liking, took up sailing a Quickcat. A very friendly and club orientated couple they became heavily involved with the club. Shirlee was a member of the inaugural Ladies Committee. The Canteen, the Catering committee and in the Control Room were just a few areas where Shirlee's expertise were seen. Being an ex-nurse, the First Aid Kit was always well stocked with Shirlee around. In fact, the original First Aid Kit that Shirlee set up (a World War 2 relic) is still at the club somewhere. She and Alan always took an avid interest in watching the development of the club's junior sailors.

Alan became Commodore in 1975/76 and again in 1976/77 and he was made a Life Member of the club in 1983. He championed the introduction of a stern chaser race and felt that if the handicapping was done correctly it would give everyone a fair chance and the Hudson Handicap stern chaser trophy has been provided by them each year.

Many years ago, for health reasons the Hudson's moved to the beautiful, and warmer area of Port Stephens NSW, first to Corvette and then to a retirement village in Fingal Bay. They became involved in the community and Alan became a member of the Port Stephens Coast Guard where he won an OAM for his work with this voluntary organisation.

They kept in contact with Bendigo Yacht Club through the many friends they had made during their time with the club and of course with their monthly edition of Mainsheet.

Our thoughts and condolences go Shirlee and Alan's family and friends.



Treasurer's Report

The club has, unfortunately for the second year running, recorded another deficit of \$8,700.

Whilst there was a slight increase in Annual Subscriptions, the Annual and Special Event Race Fees were down as were Canteen Sales. This would indicate that there were less racers on Saturdays although there was an increase in the Sailing School Income which would be encouraging.

Of course, the big Treasury news is the merger with Sailability, which took place this year and increased the Assets of the club and the Equity in the Balance Sheet by \$64,000. This also increased our Income by \$10,000 to \$73,000 for the year to surpass last years by 10%. Although the extra income from Sailability has been offset by the extra costs involved of the same.

Fortunately, it's not all bad news this year, whilst the Income is down on last year so are the costs and had this year not incurred a prior year extraordinary expense of \$6,000 for the outboard repairs the deficit would actually be less than \$3,000 which is a marked improvement on last year.

Significant items in this year's accounts compared to last year would be: -

- Annual Subscriptions up by \$2,000
- Printing and Stationery down by \$1,400
- Boats and Equipment for Racing costs are up by \$9,000
- Amalgamation of Sailability – Increased our assets by \$62,075
- The Key Register being completed with a Liability adjustment to occur next year.
- An increase in the Fixed Assets being: -
 - New Fridge - \$2,475
 - Outdoor Kitchen - \$2,504
 - An improved Accounting System including Subscription Fees being emailed.

Reserves remain strong at the club with over \$108,000 in cash and monies held at the bank, we are still a very viable, and asset rich club with Net Assets at \$472,302.

Finally, I would just like to thank Helen Goodall in all the support she has given this year in the bookkeeping and setting up the new systems. It is this assistance that has allowed me to stand for another year. Thank you, Helen,

Simon Carter, Treasurer



Auditor's Report

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT BENDIGO YACHT CLUB INC.

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Bendigo Yacht Club Inc which includes the Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2017, the Profit and Loss Statement for the Financial Year 2017, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's responsibilities for the financial report

The committee of the Bendigo Yacht Club Inc is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis if the preparation described in the Note 1 is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of this type if entity. The committee's responsibility also included such internal controls as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors responsibility

Our review was conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements (ASRE) 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The review consisted of making enquiries, primarily of person's responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures and does not, ordinarily, require corroboration of the information obtained. The scope of the review of an annual financial report is substantially less that the scope of an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards whose objective is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial report and accordingly, we shall express no such opinion.

ASRE 2410 requires us to also comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the annual financial report if the entity.

We believe that the review evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our review.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Basis for qualified opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Bendigo Yacht Club Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our review in relation to the receipts was limited to the amounts recorded.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our review procedures referred to in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph not existed, the financial report of Bendigo Yacht Club Inc. presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Bendigo Yacht Club Inc at 30th April 2017 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Bendigo Yacht Club to meet the reporting requirements of the association. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Yours sincerely

Graham Watson

11/5/2017

Managing Director

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Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2016

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements cover Bendigo Yacht Club Inc as an individual entity incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis of Preparation

The committee have prepared the financial statements in the basis that the entity is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependant on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order of satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting polices disclosed below, which the committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

(a) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax pursuant to Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Fixed Assets

- The depreciable amount of all fixed assets with the exception of land and buildings and
- on-site improvements are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Club
- commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Buildings at valuation represent the value of the Club House, two Boat Sheds, Garden Shed and Site Improvements as determined by the Club Treasurer as at the 13 September, 1984, being the date if incorporation of the Club.
- The cost of the Water Pump Shed, Fire Pump Shed and the Fuel Store are subsequent additions at cost.
- Site Improvements at cost represent the value of such improvements as existed at and as determined by the Club Treasurer as at the date of incorporation of the Club; and of subsequent additions at cost.

(c) Liabilities

The Club has no secured or unsecured loans and no charges or liens exist of the assets of the Club. Certain re-classifications have been made to ensure the inclusion of "Refundable deposits - Keys/Camping" in these accounts as a liability.

(d) Stock on Hand

Stock on Hand at year end comprising canteen stock, clothing stock and prizes/trophies stock has been valued at the lower of cost or their net realizable value.

(e) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risk and benefits incidental to the ownership are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalized by recoding as asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property of the present value of the minimum lease payments. Including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risk and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

NOTE 2 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

No members or related entity has entered into a material contract with the association.

No member's fees have been paid as the positions held are on a voluntary basis.

NOTE 3 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There have been no events after the end of the financial year that would materially affect the financial statements.

Bendigo Yacht Club Inc. Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

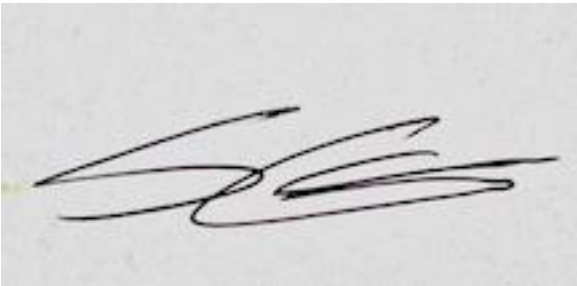
In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Bendigo Yacht Club Inc as at 30 April 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bendigo Yacht Club Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Club Directors' Meeting Attendance Report			
Number of Meetings			16
Number of Directors			11
Individual Attendance			
Andrea McGregor	15	John Maher	10
Ron Mason	14	Ken Mann	10
Simon Carter	4	Rowan Gillies	12
Steve Phillis	10	Warren Matheson	15
Hugo Dunlop	11	Mark Hawkins	10
Anita Hunter	6		

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Chairperson



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Treasurer

Dated: 1 June 2017

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 31 MAY 2016

Bendigo Yacht Club. Inc.
Minutes of the Special General Meeting
Bendigo Yacht Club Inc., Sunset Drive, Lake Eppalock
29th May 2016

Agenda

Meeting commenced 1:15 PM

PRESENT

Members Present – as recorded in the attendance book Ken Mann, Mick Floyd, Anita Hunter, John Lockie, Karen Maher, Lynne Ashby, John Ashby, John Cap, Elliott Hawkins, Mark Hawkins, Chris Clarke, Toby Clarke, Tom Maloney, Ian Grant, Margaret Grant, Stuart Ridge, Bernie Young, Pam Drummond, Hugh Drummond, Kath Gillies, Ken Hill, Ruth Hill, Olive Mann, John Foreman, Steve Phillis, Jenny Coulson, Jack Carroll, Warren Matheson, Ron Mason, Don Ridge, Charles Lee, Rowan Gilles, Dennis Scammell, Sonja Scammell, Simon Carter, Russell Denholm, Greg Devlin, Andrea McGregor Turner, John Maher. 39 members – a quorum is established.

APOLOGIES

Dane Boag, Carroll Boag, Colin Nankervis, Kim Turner, Doug Carswell, Brenton McDonald, Mark Gillies, Tavis Gillies, Abbey Henderson, Lillian Maher, Alyssa Hunter, David Tarr, Di Floyd, Sarah Floyd, Tom Floyd, Jenny Mann, Hugo Dunlop, Mick Anthony, Susan Hill, Maret, Glen Ashby, Mel Ashby, Helen Sharrock, Greg Goodall.

GUESTS

None recorded

A Special General Meeting was held to consider some proposed changes to the Rules of Incorporation as per the notice of motion to:

1. Simplify the process of accepting new members
2. Simplify membership categories
3. Formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules

1. Simplify the process of accepting new members relating to changes to paragraphs (6)(3)(b), (6)(6), and (6)(8): **Moved** Ken Mann, **Seconded** Anita Hunter: that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to simplify the process of accepting new members be adopted.

Carried with 35 Ayes, Nil Nays

2. Simplify membership categories

This motion was split into two (2) parts

- a) Part 1 – First 4 items relating to changes to paragraphs 7(1)(a), 7(1)(b), 7(1)(b)(i), and 7(1)(c)
Moved Ken Mann, Seconded Greg Devlin: that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to simplify membership categories relating to paragraphs 7(1)(a), 7(1)(b), 7(1)(b)(i), and 7(1)(c) be withdrawn and deferred for clarification of wording. Carried 39 Ayes, Nil Nays
- b) Part 2 – the last item specifically relating to paragraph 7(3)(d), absorbing the category of “Sailability Members” into the category of “Special Members”
Moved Ken Mann, Seconded: Rowan Gillies; that the member category of Sailability be absorbed into the member category of Special Members. **Carried** 39 Ayes, **Nil** Nays
- c)

3. Formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules relating to changes to paragraph 15(a)

Moved Ken Mann, **Seconded** Greg Devlin: that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules be adopted, be withdrawn and deferred for clarification of wording. Carried 39 Ayes, Nil Nays

Close of Special General meeting 1:45 PM

Awards 2016 – 2017

Club Champion - Reg Wills Trophy	RUSSELL DENHOLM	IMPULSE
Club Junior Champion - Foreman Family Trophy	HUGO BEGG	LASER
Most Improved Cadet – Evelyn & John Carroll Trophy	CHARLOTTE WATSON	
High Achiever Cadet	TOBY CLARKE	
Best First Year Sailor - Ladies Committee Trophy	PAUL COOPER	
Tom Glazebrook Trophy	MICHAEL ANTHONY	MOSQUITO
Commodores Trophy	MICHAEL ANTHONY	MOSQUITO

Metcalfe Series - Outright

DIV1	1ST	STUART RIDGE	MOSQUITO
	2nd	PHILIP MANN	MOSQUITO
DIV2	1ST	RUSSELL DENHOLM	IMPULSE
	2ND	CHRIS + TOBY CLARKE	145
DIV3	1ST	DOUG CARSWELL + KEN MANN	TIMPENNY

Metcalfe Series - Handicap

DIV1	1ST	MICHAEL ANTHONY	MOSQUITO
DIV2	1ST	HUGO DUNLOP + NICK FREEMAN	TASAR
DIV3	1ST	ROB HEATH + CREW	TIMPENNY

Kimbolton Series - Outright

DIV1	1ST	PHILIP MANN	MOSQUITO
	2ND	STUART RIDGE	MOSQUITO
DIV2	1ST	RUSSELL DENHOLM	IMPULSE
	2ND	CHRIS + TOBY CLARKE	145
DIV3	1ST	DOUG CARSWELL + KEN MANN	TIMPENNY

Kimbolton Series - Handicap

DIV1	1ST	MICHAEL ANTHONY	MOSQUITO
DIV2	1ST	HUGO DUNLOP + NICK FREEMAN	TASAR
DIV3	1ST	ROWAN GILLIES + CREW	NOELEX 25

Championship Series

Monohulls - Col Hawkins Trophy	1ST	RUSSELL DENHOLM	IMPULSE
Trailables	1ST	DOUG CARSWELL + KEN MANN	TIMPENNY
Intermediate Catamarans	1ST	PHILIP MANN	MOSQUITO

Mosquito Class	1ST	PHILIP MANN	
Tasar Class	1ST	MARK + ELLIOTT HAWKINS	
Sabre Class	1ST	BERNIE YOUNG	

Twilight Series - Outright	1ST	RUSSELL DENHOLM	IMPULSE
Twilight Series - Handicap	1ST	STEVE PHILLIS	SABRE
Winter Series - Outright	1ST	RUSSELL DENHOLM	IMPULSE
Winter Series - Handicap	1ST	JOHN MAHER	SABRE
Hudson's Handicap - Catamaran	1ST	ROB LOTT	MOSQUITO
Hudson's Handicap - Monohulls / Trailables	1ST	BRETT + BLAZE HOULDEN	TASAR
Ancient Mariner Series - Outright	1ST	BERNIE YOUNG	SABRE
Ancient Mariner Series - Handicap	1ST	DOUG CARSWELL + KEN MANN	TIMPENNY
Ladies Skipper - Cath Gillies Memorial	1ST	DI FLOYD	SABRE

Club Supporters

- Bee Happy Orthodontics
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Fosterville Gold Mine
- Goodall Design
- Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise
- Lisa Chesters MP
- McKern Steel

