



Little Ship Club

Vice Commodores report for AGM 2025 Incorporating notes on finances (No Treasurer), notes on Grounds and buildings maintenance.

I would firstly like to say that I am honoured to hold the position of Vice Commodore at such an esteemed club with a rich history which has spanned 74 years to date.

I also acknowledge the support I have received from my 3 fellow board members and the leadership of our Commodore, Bruce Philips. These people have given much time and effort to the club with very little support over the last year.

It is disheartening to see the club struggling to meet all the requirements of running a business and maintaining a large inventory of assets. Unfortunately, there are not enough “bums on seats” to manage the vast array of legal compliance issues and maintenance backlog along with cost pressures of today's economy. Not for profit clubs rely on volunteers for a lot of the support and behind the scenes assistance required and this has not been forthcoming this year from the membership except for a few hard working, dedicated people.

We need people to consider taking part in the success of the club by joining as board members, club treasurer and committee chairs and committee members of the club. Please consider what you can offer to your club to improve our future prospects. There is only 4 people left on the board with no treasurer, no committee members and no committee chairs, an unsustainable situation.

Having said this, we have achieved a great deal this year. The most significant project has been the upgrade of our main pontoon. This has taken a lot of effort in planning and execution over the last year and a half and I'm sure the membership will agree that the new pontoons and timbers are a significant improvement over the previous ones. We must acknowledge the assistance given by Ken Alsop in organising the suppliers and contractors to achieve the end result. Many thanks must go to the great number of people who donated to our fund to enable us to make this happen. Our fund raising efforts from The Seafood Day and the Pig Races were also valued additions to our funds for this process. Many people were involved in this process and I'm sure the commodore will make note of this.

With a large inventory of assets, the maintenance required to keep those assets in good condition is a constant burden. I would like to thank the people who have assisted in the many activities undertaken this year to ensure we can all enjoy the facilities.

In finishing I would like to recognise our club staff who have put in an outstanding effort during a difficult year to keep the club open as a going concern. Of note is our manager, Tracey Rore who exceeds all expectations on an ongoing basis and is the backbone of the business. She has worked tirelessly to make the club profitable under difficult circumstances with staff shortages, cyclones and never-ending increases in compliance, training, reporting and staff management. Not to mention the many shifts spent in the bistro to meet our customers expectations when resources were stretched.

Keiron, our chef has provided an excellent service in the bistro with less than adequate resourcing at times and has delivered a menu that receives good reviews. Hopefully at the time of the AGM we will have a second chef to take some stress off Keiron and allow us to expand our

A big thankyou to Matt Tesch who has come on-board as our communications expert. His efforts to get the AGM underway and tidy up old records and restart the newsletter has been herculean.

Jimmy and Cuffy continue to support the business and are greatly appreciated. Many things happen behind the scenes that these 2 stalwarts attend to on an ongoing basis.

In closing I commend the current board to the membership and acknowledge that we need and accept change as part of any business. There are plans and options being sought at present to future proof the business. Not withstanding this, we need increased support from our membership as mentioned before to remain operational into the next year.

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