



Royal Brighton Yacht Club

The Sailors' Club

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 27 March 2023, 6.00 PM Committee Room

- **PRESENT** - Niesje Hees, Peter Demura, Brett Heath, Murray Cowdell, Peter Coleman, Cath Hurley, Neil Sargeant, Nick Barber, Peter Gebhardt, Marnie Irving, Phil Hall.

- **GUESTS** – John Mooney, Scott Sheldon

- **APOLOGIES** - Nil

- **Forecourt re-development.**

NH spoke to the proposal that had been circulated regarding the forecourt redevelopment. The Committee asked questions regarding the planning approval and process that needs to be followed. It was confirmed by SS that VicRoads have approved the traffic plan for the redevelopment. It was further explained that the project needs to commence within 2 years (Nov 2024) and be completed in 4 years (Nov 2028). JM & SS left the meeting.

It was proposed by NH, seconded by PD that the approval is given to progress the forecourt development, starting with the preparation of the Tender Package at an approximate cost of \$30,000. This was carried unanimously.

- **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Correction Replacement of Redeemer is estimated at \$165,000 **not** \$165.

True and accurate record;

MOVED: Niesje Hees **SECONDED:** Murray Cowdell **CARRIED**

- **FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE**

Report tabled – there was a question regarding the balance sheet item 2-21101 Overpayment of Debtors. This was a journal entry by the auditors last year, OTH will investigate further.



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It was questioned, should we be realising the interest accrued from our term deposits each month? MC to contact OTH.

NS asked if we could introduce some conditional formatting into the monthly reporting spreadsheet to highlight anomalies from budget by say + or – 10% (colour coded to distinguish between favourable and unfavourable variances).

It was highlighted that we need to concentrate on potentially declining catering revenue, and understanding the reasons for this.

Carried Forward: An error was made in calculating the income from the balance sheet and income from the 20yr leases expiring. Error acknowledged, amendment to budget to be made.

Finance Report Proposed MC, Seconded PD & Carried

▪ **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

Further discussions were held about marketing the facility to crew who are not members and potentially rewarding skippers who have their crew join as members.

It was noted that the Intermediate & Youth membership categories have been rebuilt from the Covid period. Congratulations to Laura & the sailing office for rebuilding these membership categories.

New members as listed.

MOVED: Cath Hurley **SECONDED:** Peter Gebhardt **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

▪ **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT** – tabled, taken as read

Boating Industry association will be sharing the space leased by New Tack (Mark Turnbull)

Congratulations to Volunteers and the Sailing Office for 3 consecutive well run regattas.

Quote for surveying the channel came in at \$2800. The quote included the marina. PH to correspond and have updated.

• **SAILING REPORT**

Thank you to both Chad & Laura who have moved on from the club.



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New Training Keelboat has been purchased and arrived at the club. Set up to proceed with first course approx. May 2023. Expression of interest in ALTS to be established.

Thankyou to all who participated in delivering 3 regattas.

Feedback was received from 3 committee members who recently volunteered. Your feedback is appreciated and will be channeled through the Sailing Sub Committee.

Colin B to establish a RHIB training course to be delivered asap.

- **ASSET REPORT**

PC asked that the eastern channel be re-surveyed to check the lifespan of the prior dredging.

Quote received for \$2800, the scope is incorrect and the quote will be revisited.

We are still awaiting the lab results from the sediment samples which may determine the scope of works of the dredging project. A meeting of the Marina & attenuator Advisory working group is scheduled for Tuesday evening.

- **CSC REPORT**

Report taken as read.

- **SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE / proposals**

Minutes taken as read.

St Patricks day event was very successful.

- **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Noted RYCV is holding a Maritime Art Exhibition

MC asked for confirmation that programming for the Friday Night Draw to be split is in place.

CH noted the success of the SLYS Cocktail party and acknowledge that club camaraderie that has been a by-product of this activity.

NS questioned if our Keelboat program conflicts with Gordon Syme. No they offer a different syllabus and outcomes.

NH indicated that she would like to host a volunteer bbq in the coming weeks.



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- MEETING CLOSED: 8:15PM
- NEXT MEETING:
- COMMITTEE DINNER - Wednesday 5TH APRIL (NEXT WEEK)
- COMMITTEE MEETING 1st May 2023 - 6pm Committee Room. NOTE NOT USUAL TIMING



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Proposal for General Committee 27 March 2023

Approval is sought to progress work on the circular driveway, commencing with the production of a tender package at an approximate cost of \$30k, with a view to undertaking the works during the winter of 2024 at an estimated total cost of between \$550k - \$650k.

Background and Purpose

The RBYC clubhouse is awkward to reach by car, which has proven a major inconvenience for club members wanting to be picked up and dropped off, members calling taxis and ambulance drivers called to an emergency. It also limits the club's ability to market functions, especially weddings. There is improved safety for deliveries, taxis, ride share and aged access, enabling all this stopping traffic to be off The Esplanade.

The Master Plan envisioned a circular driveway at the front of the club, with an improved façade. The planning permit for this was acquired and then expired. Recently the application for a new permit was approved. This permit expires in Nov 2024, which means works must commence before then.

The Finance committee will recommend the best way to fund this project.

Steps taken to-date

- Subsequent to the new permit being received, the Immediate Past Vice-Commodore John Mooney and the club architect Scott Shelton have had discussions with Quantity Surveyor Peter Miglic from Miglic MacLeod.
- A working group has been established, including Neil Sargeant and Nick Barber from the General Committee, as well immediate Past Commodore Peter Strain and John Mooney.
- The original quote has been revised after further discussions, taking into account also the opportunities to take portions of the work in-house or contract separately.
- The working group recommends progressing with development of a tender package (see cost estimates and indicative timeline below).

Quotes obtained

The most recent estimates for the project following discussions with the Quantity Surveyor Peter Miglic are as follows;

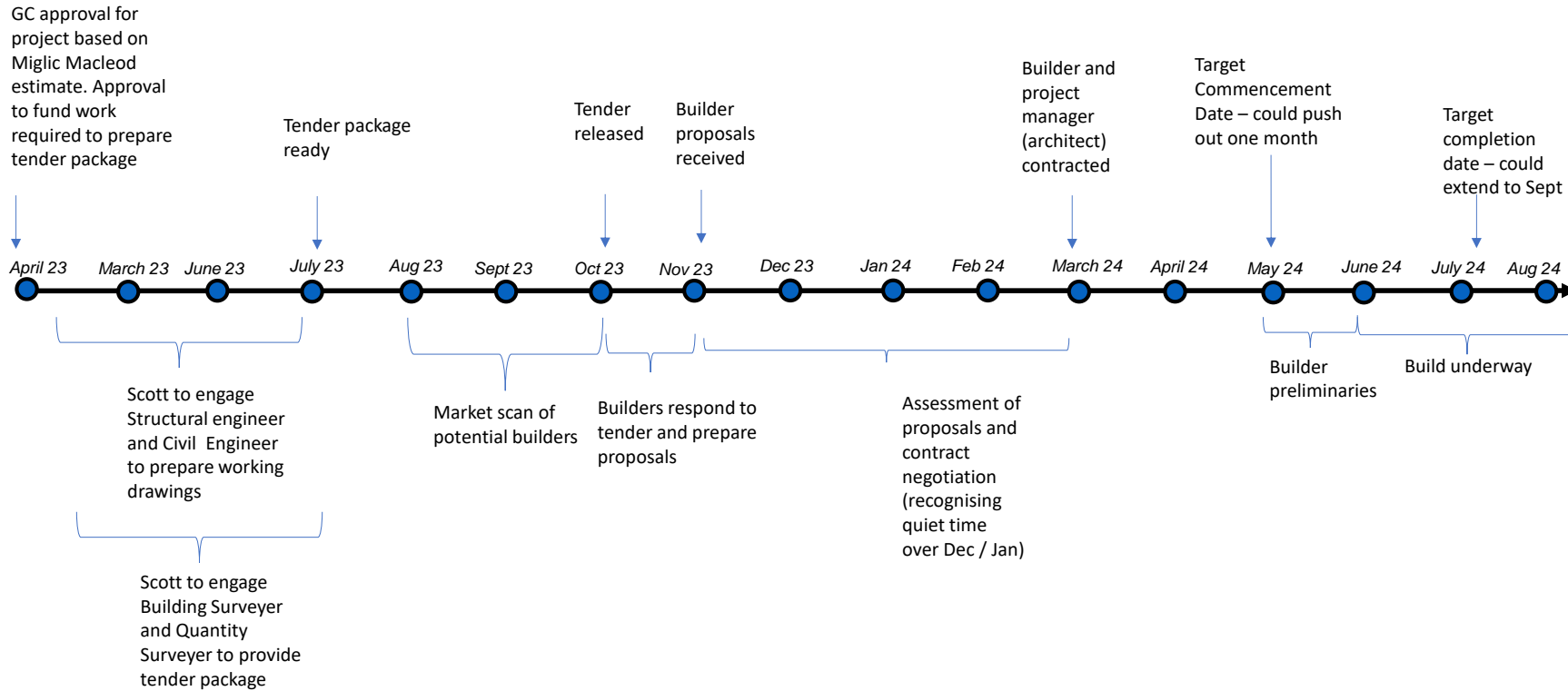
ITEM DESCRIPTION	EST.
1 PRELIMINARIES (Club to provide amenities)	\$30,000
2 DEMOLITION	\$20,000
3 SITE PREP AND EARTHWORKS	\$10,000
4 INSTALL NEW ENTRANCE AND PORTE COSHERE	\$232,400
5 NEW FORECOURT DRAINAGE	\$20,000
6 FORECOURT CONCRETE PAVEMENT	\$60,000
7 LANDSCAPING IRRIGATION SITE LIGHTING SIGNAGE	\$30,000
SUB TOTAL	\$402,400
BUILDERS MARGIN (15%)	\$60,000
CONTINGENCY (20%)	\$80,000
CONSULTANT FEES(10%) including const.services (excluding Funding bank Q.S.)	\$42,000
	\$584,400
RBYC SEPARATE CONTRACTS (prior to forecourt work)	
1 NEW SLIDING SECURITY GATE (Gate Automation systems + elec. Track Conc.)	\$30,000
2 RELOCATION OF FLAG POLE	\$8,500
3 NEW BIN ENCLOSURE FENCE AND GATE(Brendon)	\$5,000
4 RELOCATE GAS METER REMOVE OLD GREASE WASTE LINE(Hyland plumbing)	\$5,000
	\$48,500

Notes:

Alternative options for individual items listed under RBYC Contracts are yet to be investigated. Above are estimates based on quotes obtained to date. Contingency is high at this early stage of the project to allow for unanticipated costs.

Timeline

RBVC Circular Driveway – Indicative High Level Plan



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Recommendation & Approval Sought

It is recommended that work progress on development of the tender package at an approximate cost of \$30k (this is included in the consultant fees outlined in the estimates).

23/03/2023

Royal Brighton Yacht Club
253 Esplanade, Middle Brighton
VIC, 3186

Dear Board Members,

RE: Royal Brighton Financial Results – February 2023

Below is a summary of the Club's financial results for February 2023, as well as accompanying commentary.

Financial Results February 2023:

The financial reports covering the period of 1st February to 28th February 2023 have been prepared on a calendar month basis. Despite the Club trading for the full 28 days of the month, its total Revenue for February has seen a year-on-year decline of \$24k, primarily due to a significant decrease of \$54k in Catering Revenue. However, the Club's Marina Income increased by \$19k, primarily due to an increase in Marina Annual Rental Income, while Membership Income rose by \$10k and Sailing Income by \$3k, which can be attributed to the rise in School Sailing Fees. In total, the Club generated \$501k in Revenue for February.

In contrast, the Club's expenditures have seen a considerable decline of \$42k compared to the same period in 2022. This reduction can be attributed to a significant \$40k decrease in Occupancy Costs, primarily due to a reduction in abnormal cleaning expenditure for February 2022, and a \$19k decline in Repairs and Maintenance Expenses, mainly due to the reduction in Marina Maintenance expenditures. However, Employment Expenses have increased significantly by \$17k, mostly due to an increase of \$11k in Restaurant Casual wage expenses. In total, the Club's expenses for February amounted to \$305k.

To conduct a more in-depth analysis, the financial results have been compared to the budgeted figures for the period. The Club's Revenue has performed on par with budgeted figures, with a slight excess of \$1k. Additionally, the Club's Expenses have outperformed the forecasted figures, coming in \$40k under budget. Overall, the Club's Operating Profit exceeded expectations by \$11k.

To summarise, the Club's operating profit for the month of February was \$67k, and the year-to-date operating profit stands at \$443k.

Please note the following items while reviewing the financials for February:

- Software and Support expenses are abnormally high due to expenses relating to January being recognised in February.
- Cleaning Expenses are lower than usual due to the reversal of an accrual from the prior period.
- OTH is currently investigating discrepancies within the Other Debtors and Deposits Received in Advance accounts from prior periods. OTH are actively working to reconcile these accounts by the next reporting period.
- The Depreciation Expense for February has been estimated due to access issues with Asset Manager Pro. OTH will make the necessary adjustments in the next reporting period, when access is recovered.

Please see the table below, the total Employment cost ratio to total Revenue (excluding government grants) for the last three months, as well as last year.

Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
39%	47%	43%

Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22
43%	43%	38%

Please note the upcoming statutory liabilities listed below:

Upcoming Liabilities	Amount	Due Date
February-23 IAS (<i>paid</i>)	\$28,336.00	21/03/2023
February-23 Super Contribution	\$17,228.41	28/03/2023
Total	\$45,564.41	

The Balance Sheet of the Club reflects the most recent financial position as of the end of February 2023, and it is confirmed that the Club is current with all statutory payments and lodgements.

Additionally, Ashfords have commenced the FY23 Audit planning process, and OTH will be attending the planning meeting at the Club on 19th April.

As always, any queries or discussions regarding the financial accounts are welcome. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,



Freddie Deegan

Director – On Tap Hospitality

Member Age Breakdown Report

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Excluding non-member types

Membership Type	Age Group															
	Unknown DOB		Upto 25		26 - 35		36 - 45		46 - 55		56 - 65		66 - 75		75 Up	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Senior	6	1			8	1	34	4	77	11	108	18	84	7	18	2
Senior Family	1	5					4	8	22	15	24	18	14	11	4	3
Senior Special													1		9	
40 Year											3		6		5	
50 Year											5		23		8	
60 Year +													8		28	
Honorary Life									1				1		3	2
Senior Country					1				3		2		4	1	3	
Senior Absentee					1		3	2	5		11	1	6		3	
Crew	1	1			7		7	1	21	6	38	2	24	2	8	1
Crew Plus					4	1	2	2	7		7	1	4	2	3	
Intermediate 18-29			55	17	24	11										
YouthU18	2	1	78	35												
Gym	1				1		7	2	10		6	2	24	4	13	
Social	6	5	1		4	2	10	5	23	22	44	37	71	29	40	16
Social Extra	1	3				1		5	1	16	3	25	2	20	1	5
Junior Family		1	27	19												
Aquatic	4	2			2		11	6	15	18	34	11	24	3	3	
TPI															2	
Totals	22	19	161	71	52	16	78	35	185	88	285	115	296	79	151	29

Overview - Marina / Hardstand / Undercroft

Month: Mar-23

	OTB	Hardstand	Marina	Combined	Available	Occupied	Total Vacant	Club Vacant	Owned Vacant
Mar-23	96.30%	97.22%	88.74%	95.06%	425	404	21	20	1
Feb-23	96.3	97.2	87.0	94.12	425	400	25	24	1

Marina

Size	Club Owned	Occupied	Occ %	Mem Owned	Occupied	Occ %	Total Pens	Total Occ	Total Occ %
10M	93	79	84.95%	0	0	0.00%	93	79	84.95%
12M	71	62	87.32%	1	0	0.00%	72	62	86.11%
13M	6	5	83.33%	0	0	0.00%	6	5	83.33%
15M	33	33	100.00%	2	2	100.00%	35	35	100.00%
18M	25	24	96.00%	0	0	0.00%	25	24	96.00%
	228	203	89.04%	3	2	66.67%	231	205	88.74%

OTB Dinghy Storage

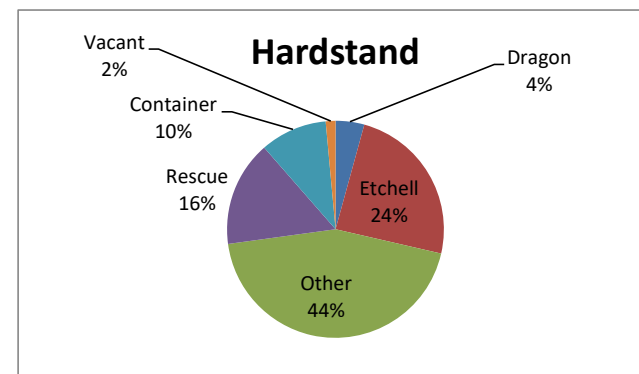
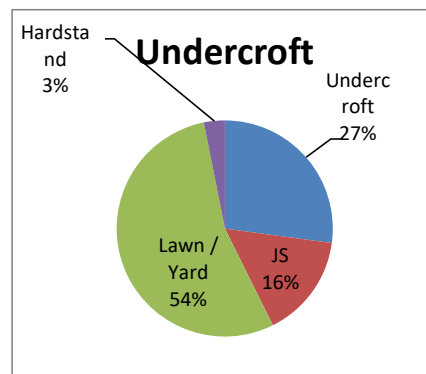
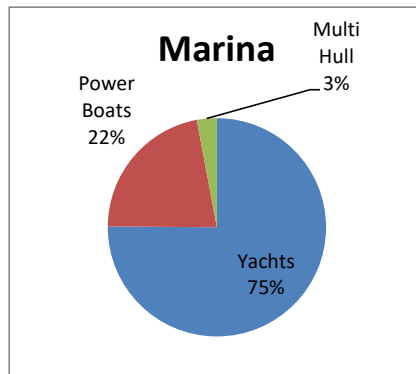
	Undercroft	JS	Lawn / Yard	Hardstand	Total of 134
Total Pens	35	20	70	4	129
Occupancy	75.00%	90.00%	95.00%	100.00%	96.30%

Marina Boat Types

Total	Vacant	Yachts	Power Boats	Multi Hull
231	26	154	45	6
100.00%	11.3%	66.7%	19.5%	2.6%

Hardstand

	Dragon	Etchell	Other	Rescue	Container	Vacant	Total 72
Occupied	3	17	31	11	7	1	70
Ratio %	4.2%	23.6%	43.1%	15.3%	9.7%	1.4%	97.2%



Membership count July 22 - June 23

	Jun-22	Jul-22	-/+	Aug-22	-/+	Sep-22	-/+	Oct-22	-/+	Nov-22	-/+	Dec-22	-/+	Jan-23	-/+	Feb-23	-/+
Senior	368	353	-4.08%	353	0.00%	355	0.57%	361	1.69%	362	0.28%	369	1.93%	372	0.81%	379	1.88%
Senior Family	127	124	-2.36%	123	-0.81%	121	-1.63%	124	2.48%	125	0.81%	125	0.00%	129	3.20%	129	0.00%
Senior Special	12	11	-8.33%	11	0.00%	10	-9.09%	10	0.00%	10	0.00%	10	0.00%	10	0.00%	10	0.00%
40 Year	12	14	16.67%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%
50 Year	38	36	-5.26%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%
60 Year +	33	36	9.09%	36	0.00%	37	2.78%	37	0.00%	37	0.00%	36	-2.70%	36	0.00%	36	0.00%
Honorary Life	7	7	0.00%	7	0.00%	7	0.00%	7	0.00%	7	0.00%	7	0.00%	7	0.00%	7	0.00%
Senior Country	14	15	7.14%	14	-6.67%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%	14	0.00%
Senior Absentee	31	33	6.45%	34	3.03%	34	0.00%	34	0.00%	34	0.00%	34	0.00%	34	0.00%	31	-8.82%
Crew	123	113	-8.13%	113	0.00%	117	3.54%	118	0.85%	120	1.69%	120	0.00%	120	0.00%	120	0.00%
Crew Plus	24	27	12.50%	29	7.41%	28	-3.45%	31	10.71%	31	0.00%	31	0.00%	32	3.23%	31	-3.13%
Youth U18	81	67	-17.28%	68	1.49%	73	7.35%	92	26.03%	88	-4.35%	91	3.41%	107	17.58%	115	7.48%
Intermediate 18-29	102	95	-6.86%	94	-1.05%	97	3.19%	101	4.12%	101	0.00%	102	0.99%	106	3.92%	107	0.94%
Gym	74	66	-10.81%	67	1.52%	70	4.48%	70	0.00%	70	0.00%	70	0.00%	70	0.00%	70	0.00%
Social	288	281	-2.43%	289	2.85%	295	2.08%	297	0.68%	302	1.68%	307	1.66%	311	1.30%	314	0.96%
Social Extra	78	75	-3.85%	77	2.67%	78	1.30%	79	1.28%	79	0.00%	79	0.00%	81	2.53%	82	1.23%
Junior Family	40	41	2.50%	44	7.32%	44	0.00%	44	0.00%	46	4.55%	47	2.17%	47	0.00%	47	0.00%
Aquatic	132	134	1.52%	131	-2.24%	131	0.00%	132	0.76%	132	0.00%	130	-1.52%	133	2.31%	133	0.00%
TPI	2	2	0.00%	2	0.00%	2	0.00%	2	0.00%	2	0.00%	2	0.00%	2	0.00%	2	0.00%
TOTAL	1586	1530	-3.53%	1542	0.78%	1563	1.36%	1603	2.56%	1610	0.44%	1624	0.87%	1661	2.28%	1677	0.96%

Membership - February 2023

		TOTALS	TOTAL %
Senior	379		
Senior Family	129		
Senior Special	10		
40 Year	14		
50 Year	36		
60 Year +	36		
Honorary Life	7		
Senior Country	14		
Senior Absentee	31	Total Senior	39%
Crew	120		
Crew Plus	31	Total Crew	9%
Intermediate 18-29	107	107	6%
Youth	115	115	7%
Gym	70	70	4%
Social	314	314	19%
Social extra	82	82	5%
Junior family	47	47	3%
Aquatic	133	133	8%
TPI	2	2	0%
sponsors	0	0	0%
TOTAL	1677	1677	100%

	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022	End February 2023
Senior	368	347	324	336	335	356	368	379
Senior Family	96	93	89	92	92	103	127	129
Senior Special	17	17	16	16	13	15	12	10
40 Year	18	14	12	12	12	12	12	14
50 Year	45	45	44	44	43	39	38	36
60 Year +	39	42	42	38	32	34	33	36
Honorary Life	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	7
Senior Country	12	16	16	15	13	13	14	14
Senior Absentee	55	49	40	38	36	37	31	31
Crew	184	149	143	155	156	140	123	120
Crew Plus	31	27	22	21	26	28	24	31
Intermediate 18-29	67	66	77	99	75	97	81	107
Youth U18	106	141	136	148	150	119	102	115
Gym	75	75	65	78	74	78	74	70
Social	242	233	212	207	207	255	288	314
Social Extra	79	77	64	64	63	73	78	82
Junior Family	14	19	22	28	25	31	40	47
Aquatic	75	79	78	73	81	114	132	133
TPI	0	1	1	3	3	2	2	2
Sponsors	11	2	4	4	4	4	0	0
TOTAL	1541	1499	1413	1477	1446	1556	1586	1677

POS SPEND BY MEMBERSHIP TYPE - February 2023

	Total Spend per month per member type	Average spend per member type	Number of members in category	Number of members spent
Senior Special	\$1,094.85	\$109.49	10	7
Senior	\$33,583.40	\$88.61	379	221
40 Year	\$1,225.29	\$87.52	14	8
Gym	\$5,370.45	\$76.72	70	46
Senior Family	\$9,143.40	\$70.88	129	71
Crew Plus	\$1,968.15	\$63.49	31	18
50 Year	\$1,932.39	\$53.68	36	16
Aquatic	\$7,096.72	\$53.36	133	93
Social	\$16,342.85	\$52.05	314	133
Crew	\$6,182.99	\$51.52	120	59
60 Year +	\$1,462.10	\$40.61	36	13
Honorary Life	\$284.05	\$40.58	7	7
Intermediate 18-29	\$1,142.20	\$10.67	107	18
Social extra	\$826.75	\$10.08	82	14
Senior Country	\$125.90	\$8.99	14	2
Junior family	\$47.30	\$1.01	47	3
Youth	\$12.25	\$0.11	115	1
Senior Absentee	\$0.00	\$0.00	31	0
TPI	\$0.00	\$0.00	2	0
	\$87,841.04		1677	730

New Members to be ratified - March Meeting

Pard Tan	Senior
Nadine Parkington	Senior
Peter Ryan	Social
Grant Seamer	Senior
Michael Hodgson	Senior Family
OCarol Hodgson	Senior Family
Rebecca Wells	Crew
George Rowlands	Aquatic
Alex Bolitho	Social
Marilyn Cormie	Social Extra

Inclusion & Diversity Advisory Group (IDAG) Update for GC – 27 March 2023

IDAG Members; Niesje Hees, Lallie Leckey, Josh Stuchbery, Cass Treagus, Marike Koppenol (external adviser), Niesje Hees (chair)

- IDAG met on 14 March 2023

The theme for International Women's Day this year was "Embrace Equity". The day was celebrated with a slide presentation showcasing female sailors, which ran all day in both the members bar and the café, recognising also that it has been 40 years since women were admitted to the club as senior members.

The IDAG encourages club members to consider celebrating other themed days.

Some statistical analysis has been done on member data to better understand membership trends. More work is required to be confident of the results, but this does provide the potential to analysis membership data based on geographic location, age and gender.

- Some postcodes have greater membership numbers, which is not directly related to distance from the club
- Not only is the average age increasing, but more older members are joining as new members. This includes active sailing memberships.
- Gender distribution is more even amongst younger members.

It has been 2 years since a membership survey was conducted.

The IDAG recommends to General Committee that a similar survey is conducted to enable comparison with previous data. This will assist in driving recommendations to subcommittees.

If GC endorses this approach, IDAG will review the questions from last time and recommend any changes (the objective will be to minimise changes).

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CLEANER SAILING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 6th March 2023, 6.00 pm

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

Present: Kalpana Merrett, Andrew Merrett, Peter Demura, Jennifer Pascoe

Apologies: Nil

Absent: Nil

Correspondence:

- Vice Commodore's (PD) newsletter report and updates regarding Cleaner Sailing Committee and initiatives at RBYC.
- CSC Chairperson's report for RBYC Half yearly general meeting.

Acceptance of previous minutes

Passed with no amendments.

Business arising from previous minutes

Discussion

1. GC updates
 - PD has asked the Club Captain for more information regarding solar panel data particularly relating to energy generation and savings. Details to be discussed at next meeting.
 - RBYC to adopt initiatives to phase out single use plastics by 2025. GC has tasked CSC to develop action plan to implement at RBYC. Discussion generated around developing a project plan. Preliminary discussion – identify/audit key areas within the Club, types of items to phase out, identify reusable items or replacements, implementation phases or stages and timelines, communication to members, and examples of specific RBYC initiatives to promote sustainable practices (e.g., replace single use plastic water bottles with RBYC branded reusable containers for boats, set up drinking water access on hardstand). KR to draft *RBYC Phase-out Single Use Plastic Action Plan document* to circulate to CSC members for detailed input and discussion.
2. Clean Sailing Regattas- Sail Melbourne was requested to follow up on registering the regatta with Sailors for the Sea cleaner sailing. Need to follow up with sailing office regarding outcome.
3. George Mac Regatta- AM has been in touch with Boating and Marina Manager (Colin Burgess CB) regarding cleaner sailing initiative for George Mac. Sailing Office made aware of Sailors for the Sea organisation. The George Mac Regatta is not registered with Sailors for the Sea and will not be able to achieve the clean sailing targets in time for the regatta. However, in practice, the sailing office is already implementing recommended best practices around paperless participant registrations, avoiding plastic bottle use, packaging of volunteer lunches and so forth. AM to catchup with CB after regatta.

RBYC Cleaner Sailing Committee

4. Communications/Media – VC’s newsletter article about CSC activities in next newsletter.
5. Disposal of EPIRB/ELT, Flares and rockets, fire extinguishers - disposal of EPIRBs covered in past meetings.
6. Garbage disposal/recycling bins/deposit scheme- as an example we could look at SYC’s current waste recycling and disposal arrangements. They have separate bins on the hardstand and around Club premises. CSC sees the need to contact other clubs around the Bay to see how they manage recycling and disposal and clean marina programs. Contact the Commodore to find out if cleaner sailing or clean marina program is on the agenda for discussion in Port Phillip Club Commodores meetings. Explore potential for RBYC to host a *Club Meet* for collaboration among cleaner sailing committees or working groups around the Bay to share ideas.
7. Lithium batteries disposal- We should look at disposal of lithium batteries in future with their use increasing. At present batteries are mixed in the disposal bin located on the hardstand and collected by an external lead-acid battery recycler (Contact Murray Cowdell).
8. Clean Marina Program progress- Stalled at present. Need to identify a suitable and workable cost-effective solution to address hardstand water run off from boat washing etc.
9. Flotsam bin – The original scoop disappeared. A new scoop is installed with the bin that is now located near the toilets on the hardstand. Noted that people are continuing to use it as a rubbish bin despite signposting on the bin. Need to explore ideas to promote correct use of bin (and deter from rubbish disposal). Continue communication to members via different media (e.g., newsletter, half yearly report) to increase its use for flotsam and deter use as rubbish bin. Up to RBYC GC to decide on next stage and promotion.
10. Life jacket recycling – This project appears to be working. Chris Harvre has emptied the allocated recycle bin. However, people are using the jacket collection bin as a rubbish bin. Need to continue education and constant reinforcement via newsletter and other suitable channels to remind members about its location and correct use. Explore if we can invite Chris Harvre to a high impact event at RBYC to show-case the life jacket recycling program to members. PD to investigate suitable members’ event.
11. Rock wall – A discussion raised the notion of using natural rock rather than energy intensive and ultimately polluting concrete or steel in the planned new wave barrier at the northern end of the marina.

General business

- JP asked for update on ORCV link regarding recent Clean Oceans communication forwarded to CSC via the Commodore. PhD student, Lillian Stewart from Hobart University, is working on a project with the ORCV- involves collecting water samples around the Port Phillip and Bass Strait. Focus is on collaborating with partner clubs around the Port Phillip to keep the ocean clean.

RBYC Cleaner Sailing Committee

- JP asked if anyone has had contact with the beach patrol team. JP is going to contact them for updates. CSC to continue to encourage members to volunteer via newsletter item.
- JP described an international organisation involved in cleaning up plastic on beaches. Pick up plastic around beaches. The organisation is called Take Free for the Sea. JP to research the group and provide more information at the next meeting.
- AM highlighted that the sail recycle programme hasn't taken off yet. He has spoken to the GM and Commodore about the potential location of the sail recycle locker in the underground carpark however since we do not have a partnering sail recycle organisation, this project is on hold until we find an organisation that will collect and reuse the old sails. We need to identify an organisation that is interested.
- Sails to Shelter is one such organisation.

Meeting close: 7.06 pm

Date of next meeting

Monday, May 8th 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

Monday 20th March 2023

Social Committee for RBYC

Reminder of Social Committee rule :

Non-attendance to a meeting is an automatic YES vote.

Indecisive / non committal is an automatic YES vote

No vote / don't agree: must come up with an alternative idea on the night

Present: Joyce, Karen Johns, Margaret Rowe, Karen McCloskey, Cath Hurley, Helen Aberdeen, Jacqui Provis, Kenn Williamson, Sue Cassidy

Apologies : George, Steve Reynolds, Sue Drummond

Minutes from the last meeting accepted.

Proposals:

- Barbecue on Hardstand after Cerberus Race (weather dependent)

This proposal was supported.

- Recognition of various groups in the club at Friday night members draw
This proposal was supported. The success of the Winners and Grinners night was acknowledged, and featuring groups within the club at future Friday nights was strongly supported.

This will be the first First Friday of the month usually, however will be starting 31st March with the 40yrs members.

5th May - Coronation celebration

2nd June - 2.4's

July- icebergs that swan the English Channel

August - Glenn Norton - pool comp and footy comp organiser. ???

Etc

Sue C and Kenn to compiling the calendar of recognition.

- Celebration after last twilight race (need to consider flexibility if the weather is poor)
It was supported to have a special menu option of some kind and promote the night, encouraging people to come to the club for the last twilight. It was thought that booking a band would be too risky, given the short days and risk of inclement weather. It is proposed that next year some twilights during December and February be identified and promoted as an event for all club member (with a band).

- Single Sailors night
The GC did not support the concept of a "singles night" – however a party similar to RMYS "White party" or other event (with a view to attracting younger people) would be supported. Summer was seen as the most suitable time of year for this type of event.

- Art show
The GC supported the concept as a desirable mid-winter event for the club. However, in acknowledgement of the size and complexity of such an event, we would want it to be

managed by a team experienced in running an art show. The proposal did a good job of outlining the tasks required but would need a complete budget as well as greater clarity regarding roles and responsibilities and who is performing these tasks (to provide confidence that there was sufficient resourcing to provide the effort required). It was felt that given the size of the project, it is unlikely there is sufficient lead time for this coming winter. Consideration could be given to approaching the Brighton Rotary Club or other organisation with a proven track record in running art shows, with a view to partnering with them, at least for the first one. It was also noted that a Marine Art Show has been run at Beaumaris Yacht Club, run by a woman specialising in this area.

Sea farers as the charity - the RBYC connection is Michelle Anderson. Margaret and Kenn with confirm dates. Query if we need to 'partner' with Rotary, perhaps Nth Brighton Rotary would be willing to be involved. So much has been done, sad to let it go.

Coronation Day of our King Charles

Suggestion 5th May.

Exchange of paintings - Queen Elizabeth to be replaced by King Charles.

Decorate the bar, Cocktail 'Charles Royale'

Cafe - English fare

Burgee - English one somewhere in the club??

Invite: Naval Patron, Priest, Mayor? , gun shot salute.

Deck tables - colouring in (crown) for kids

Open Day 2023 - October 7th

Theme - Pirate, Vikings, Scallywags and Scoundrels.

Tug-o-war in the beach in front of the club

150 yrs anniversary 2025.

Gala Dinner held on open day with a cocktail function prior for those members who wish to celebrate, but would rather not be so formal

The gala dinner held on open day in Oct 2025.

It is with a heavy heart that the social committee needs to report the actions of the 'pool corner men' on St Patricks Day celebration. They apparently closed the curtain to the whole bar, when it was open, they and sworn at. This is unacceptable behaviour. It maybe a bar, but it is not a 'public bar'

Lift your spirits - function needs support. A good charity, helping first responders.

Is there something that we can do to encourage further sailing ?

Invite - Wayne Seaward to the meeting for guidance to encourage participation.

Etchells information day - Karen is working on a plan.

The General Committee appreciates the work the social club is doing in engaging members with the club. Now that we are establishing a bit of a rhythm of events that happen during the season (eg hard stand party, Friday night members draw events, twilight events, St Patricks Day, International Women's Day etc) it would be good to develop a calendar for next season (similar to the sailing calendar). It would be great if you could start pulling this together over

the next few months so that the two calendars are synchronised and ready for approval at the same time.

Meeting closed at 7.23pm

Next meeting : 17th April at 6pm in the members with Joyce as chair and Karen Mc as vice.