

WARANGA WHISPE

### COMMODORES REPORT

#### DOM LANDO

Firstly I'd like to welcome the new caretaker committee, Andrew Larkin, Jennifer Canning, Linda Miller, Alby Jacobs, Ann Jacobs, Rachael Jacobs - we've already got some great things happening in all areas of the committee & i look forward to seeing what we can bring to our great club. I would also like to thank the previous committee for all their efforts during their time in chair.

The basin was the fullest its been in over 10 years over the Christmas/New Year period - lets hope its the same this summer season!

A new logo has been proposed for Waranga Boat Club, we will be discussing this at the General Meeting on the 6th of July.

With the proposal of a new logo, comes a fresh batch of merchandise.

The committee are excited to announce that the club will have hoodies to purchase, with more merchandise ideas being quoted.

A new website is also being designed - this will ensure a more user friendly site, that will be regularly updated with upcoming events information, vans/boats for sale, photos of the club grounds & works happening around the club & more.

The newly named 'Rosalie Ellis Race Cabin' has received a fresh lick of paint, aswell as the exterior of the clubhouse & deck thanks Alby for your tireless work.

Neil is still off the tools after his operation, he's fighting fit & looks forward to getting out & about the club again. Alby is currently acting caretaker while Neil is recovering

GMW have issued the club a year to year lease agreement - no updates on a longer lease has be discussed.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

JUN 2024 | VOL 1

JUL 6TH | GENERAL MEETING JUL 6TH | CANEPES & COCKTAILS JUL 26TH | DOGGY WEEKEND AUG 23RD | DOGGY WEEKEND SEPT 27TH | GENERAL MEETING SEPT 28TH | AFL GRANDFINAL EVENT





## ASSET & ENVIROMENT

#### ALBY JACOBS

#### Sewer System

Discussions are currently being had with sewer plumbers on the upgrade of our septic system awaiting a quote.

#### Dangerous Tree Removal

The removal of several trees around the club have taken place & will continue to over the next few months. All wood will be staying at the club & will be split for members to purchase.

#### **Baby Change Tables**

The club has purchased 2 baby change tables to be mantled in the family room at the main toilet block & the family room up the clubhouse. We have a qualified member who will be installing them over the next few weeks.

#### **General Club Maintenance**

- A site audit has been carried out, with only a few sites that need to be tided up. A courtesy email will be sent to those members who require a general site tidy up
- The rubbish pile on the hill has been burnt & cleaned up.
- The scrap metal behind boat storage has also been picked up & taken to a scrap merchant.
- A new light has been installed in the clubhouse BBQ area
- The exterior of the boat storage is in the process of getting prepped for painting, to ensure boat storage numbers are visible again.

**Please note:** Club rubbish bins are for club rubbish, not rubbish brought from home. We have a cardboard bin, recycle bin & general rubbish bins available.



Victorian Fisheries Authority have been stocking Waranga Basin with 111,200 Golden Perch, & more than 250,000 Yellow Bellies, using our club shores to launch boats & host local fishing clubs involved in the launch. All the fish were released in the vicinity of the 70 new 'fish hotels' installed in Waranga, one of which you may have seen in Cowleys Bay.



# SOCIAL

ANN & RACHAEL JACOBS

#### Dog Friendly Weekend

Our second doggy weekend is coming up on the 26th-28th of July. The last dog friendly weekend for the year will be on 23rd-25th August.

#### The AFL Grand Final

The Grand final will be live & loud on a large projector screen, with pies, sausage rolls & dim sims available to purchase. Games will be played throughout the day as well as margin's & raffles up for grabs.

#### Sunset Cruise Raffle

We have a 3hour sunset cruise raffle for club members & non-members, all profits are going to a junior room upgrade. Signage has been placed around the club with a QR code to purchase, tickets are \$10 per entry.

The raffle will be drawn at the WBC Christmas Party.

#### **Christmas Party**

On the 14th of December, WBC is holding a Christmas Carnival for the kids – think popcorn, snow cones, a visit from Santa & a fun filled day!

#### New Years Eve

We've secured a local band called Under the Radar. They will be performing from 8.30pm -1am.

Embrace the aloha spirit with our Hawaiian themed New Years Party, complete with luau's, palm trees, grass skirts & cocktails!

### Did you know?

## TREASURER

#### LINDA MILLER

A big thank you to all the members who supported us through the challenging times recently - with this support and the commitment shown from our caretaker committee members, we will see WBC survive and thrive.

We have successfully secured our bank accounts and are working with the ATO to finalise commitments with them.

As we are not in possession of all documents relating to expenditure and income managed by the previous committee, we are not able to finalise any financial details – we will be deciding on an outcome during the upcoming meeting on 6/7/24... Hope to see you all there!

## VICE COMMODORE/BOATING

ANDREW LARKIN

# • Ensure all members & guests are abiding by the 10km rule when driving around the club.

- Inform the Secretary of any personal detail changes email, home address, phone number, membership adjustment etc
- All minors attending the clubhouse when the bar is open must be accompanied by an adult
- Sale of caravans must be sent to the Secretary for distribution to members.



#### Vessels Seaworthiness (including power boats, Jetskis and yachts)

For our club to remain as a boating club, every vessel needs to be maintained to a seaworthy level. This is not just a tune, service and safety gear. This is the vessel's main structure itself. (The hull) It is a requirement of our insurance that all boats stored and used are in great condition. We do have a qualified person inhouse that can inspect and report on seaworthiness for free or external providers can be sort by you at your own cost. Reports need to be lodged with the WBC secretary every year and once a vessel has passed inspection, a signed/dated sticker will be placed on your vessel (inconspicuously of course). We are in the process of procuring stickers to identify seaworthy vessels.

#### Vessel Insurance

Every vessel that is used at the club requires insurance. Upon membership applications, it is a requirement that you provide your insurance details. This is also a current year on year detail that needs to be provided to the club as record to the WBC Secretary. Please make sure you send the certificate of currency to the WBC Secretary.

#### Vessel Storage Outside of Sheds

There is becoming a rather large number of vessels being stored around the grounds, particularly at the back of the sheds. It's becoming a dumping ground for old vessels that don't get used and sit there rotting. Vessels that have not been used (more than 6 times a year.... and this goes for vessels in the sheds) will need to be removed from club grounds. It is unfair that room is being taken up by unused vessels.

## SECRETARY

#### JENNIFER CANNING

A big thank you to all of our members that have supported the caretaker committee.

We have taken a number of steps to implement some of the outstanding items addressed at the Special General Meeting. New credit cards have been ordered and they are on their way. This will help with the day to day running of the club.

Proper access to the Club bank accounts has been resolved and Linda and I are currently working with the bank to invest club money at a better rate. The register of members is being corrected however we will be sending a survey to members to capture current details. This will include member details, boat storage details, insurance and licencing details (for those members with buggies).

The new website is well under way and I am looking forward to all the hard work the social team is doing coming to fruition and the events they will be hosting.

The sub-committee for the service of alcohol to minors has been stood down following the resignation of some previous committee members. An apology to the affected families has been offered and the Social team will be adding further signage to the bar to ensure this does not happen again.

We have drawn a line under chasing some items as the end of financial year is fast approaching and Linda will not be able to get complete a full reconciliation without certain items being provided. Further details will be provided to members at the general meeting.

Could members that receive a reminder about site cleaning up please ensure they make time to do so. Keeping sites clean ensures we have less nesting sites for snakes for the coming warm months.

### **FUN FACT**



### NEW MEMBERS:

- Paul & Ainslie Barnard and family
- Mitchell Newton
- Chris Veitch
- Michael & Samantha Cottrell and family

The committee have more applications to work through over the coming weeks.

Construction of the Waranga Basin dam began in 1905 & was completed in 1915, using picks, shovels & horse-drawn scoops. Waranga basin was formed on the site of a natural wetland called 'Waranga Swamp', also known as 'Gunn's Swamp'.

The Boat Club has been operating since 1960, with our very own past members building the clubhouse for social gatherings after a long day sailing.

