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WARANGA WHISPER

COMMODORES REPORT

DOM LANDO

I would like to express my gratitude to our diligent committee for their unwavering efforts in addressing the challenges left by previous committee members.

Their dedication has led to numerous late nights, phone calls, and emails, but rest assured, we are making progress towards ensuring compliance with both GMW and the Campaspe Shire but this can be a slow process, but we are committed to following through with what we started to the end with a result that will be great for all.

Our primary focus is on securing a long-term lease for our club, and we urge all members to adhere to the bylaws and rules that we all must follow to maintain a great place to enjoy for years to come.

As we approach the upcoming festive season, we invite all members to contribute to the betterment of our club in making the WBC great again and a club that complies with all requirements that are imposed by our friends at GMW and Campaspe shire.

We understand that serving on the committee can be demanding and sometimes thankless, but we are committed to ensuring the success of our club for the years to come and we are working together to make this happen.

Lastly, we bid farewell to our retiring caretaker, Mr. Neil Smith, who has dedicated 18 years of service to our club, and we wish him well in his future endeavors, but I am sure we will see him around our club for many years to come with his witty sense of humour, friendly smile and stories.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT 27TH | GENERAL MEETING SEPT 28TH | AFL GRANDFINAL EVENT NOV 2ND | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DEC 14TH | CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 31ST | HAWAIIAN NEW YEARS EVE





SECRETARY

JENNIFER CANNING

What a big couple of months it has been for the committee. I am not going to focus on any of the negative elements. One thing I always ask my children, *"Is it the end of the world?"* If the answer is no, then we are going OK! I firmly believe that applies here too. After a few bumps in the road, we are back on track and heading in the right direction. We have invested a chunk of the club money, and the interest return will cover the majority of our annual lease payment to Goulburn Murray Water without having a negative impact on the day to day running of the club financially. The new credit cards have arrived, so we have full accountability and traceability of member's money whilst we invest back in the club. Social has been busy refreshing the appliances in the kitchen of the clubhouse. Modernising the kitchen is a good win and the team are certainly putting the new kit to good use. The spread for Neil's farewell was a testament to that!

We are busy planning out the next few big deliverables for the committee. The team are costing out options to bring to members so that we have an inclusive process for any planned work at the club. On that note, the lift scoping is going well. Dom, Andrew and I spent a few hours prior to Neil's party going over lift options so that we can engage companies to scope, quote and hopefully deliver this project without too much further delay. DFFH are firmly behind in this so we are looking forward to next steps, but we will keep members posted. We are also looking at the cost of doing a refresh on the club vans as well as cleaning up the hill for events, and to keep the grounds looking good and hopefully keep the number of legless visitors to the club in check over summer.

Another big win for the committee is the launch of the new Waranga Boat Club website. Keith Watt has done an admirable job to date and has always been very supportive of the club. I would like to personally thank Keith for his help prior to and during the website transition. Rachael has done a huge amount of work on launching the new site. As this was something that neither of us had done before, it was a challenge but what an outcome. This is the first iteration of the website and Rachael and I have plenty of ideas that we will develop over time to make the website easy to use and navigate as well as being a touch point for members looking for what is coming up at the club.



To view the Waranga Boat Club website, please use the link below or scan the QR code: <u>warangaboatclub.com.au</u>

A couple of reminders. All guests MUST sign in to the guest book in the gatehouse. We will be implementing mandatory sign in steps in the future to comply with terms in our lease so please ensure if you have guests on site, that they sign in. All guests over the age of 18 are subject to our Club rules and code of conduct conditions and as your guest, you are responsible for ensuring they are aware of the rules and follow them. We will ensure guests can review the code of conduct and club rules in the gatehouse as they sign in. Laminated copies will be placed in the gatehouse ASAP.

Members are also reminded that Goulburn Murray Water will be completing a site inspection soon. Rubbish kept around the club grounds must be removed. The hill is not a storage location for abandoned items, nor are the backs and sides of vans. Please ensure your site is kept clean and tidy as well as your boat storage area. Old furniture and rubbish dumped around sites will ensure a notice from GMW so please help us keep the grounds clean.

TREASURER

LINDA MILLER

Here we are again another season coming to a close and preparing for the new season and planning for many new events over the Christmas – New Year period, this year has gone very fast.

Our club currently has 188 members on our register made up as follows :

- 79 Premium members (76 Site holders & 3 non site holders)
- 109 Local Members Family, Single, Intermediate & Seniors

Our bank accounts are healthy and we are ready to have a great season.

We have sent out all membership invoices which are due and payable by 31/10/24. If you have any queries regarding your invoice or you haven't received your renewal please contact me at

treasurer@warangaboatclub.com.au

To help with management of the club and moving forward we would like your assistance to update our membership register and boat storage register. If you have had a change of membership category, a change of name or have a boat stored on site or would like to apply for boat storage please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.

The current committee has a number of items on a wish list however we would love to hear from you all and are happy to add items to our discussions

With the change of seasons we should all be looking forward to spending time at the club and be mindful of each other.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to our club, it is a special place for all ages to enjoy. Take care of each other

FUN FACT



When the Basin's water level is low, remnants of the Gunn Homestead appear, including foundations for a couple of buildings, a well & posts for what was possibly the stables. Additionally, the original railway track predating the

construction of the basin, remains standing.





- Fobs &/or Club keys are not to be lent to other members or guests
 - All firewood located around caravans are to be removed from club grounds by 30th November.
 - Ensure all guests sign in at the front gate & comply with the Club Rules & Code of Conduct
 - When modifying the outside of your site, ensure a works permit has been submitted via the website
- 5 knot speed limit applies within 200m of the waters edge

CURRENT WATER LEVELS

86.53% CAPACITY (AS OF 4/09/2024)

VICE COMMODORE/BOATING

ANDREW LARKIN

It's been great to see so many members sign up for the watercraft seaworthiness inspections. It's appreciated that members are keen to make sure that their vessel's are in tip top condition before the warmer weather comes.

In saying that, there are still a few stored boats that have not booked in for their testing yet, the committee will require documentation that your boat has been checked for seaworthiness if you choose to use a service outside of WBC, which is completely fine to do so.. *This documentation is required for our records only.*

Boating events for our upcoming season are currently being discussed but when it comes to insurance policies, planning is the key.

The committee have been working tirelessly to ensure the club is covered for water events in the future.

Stay tuned for more event information.



Did you know?

ASSET & ENVIROMENT

ALBY JACOBS

Painting activities are ongoing throughout the Club. The boat storage facades have been completed and are now sequentially numbered.

Plans are in place to recoat the deck at the main toilet block once the weather warms up.

The light in the clubhouse BBQ room has been replaced, and efforts are underway to repair or replace the lights in the bar fridge, the electrician will be determining which is the best way forward when he attends the club next.

An order has been placed for a heater/aircon unit in the clubhouse & will be installed shortly.

Additionally, the scrap metal behind the boat storage area has been cleared before snake season ramps back up. The Clubhouse tree table was believed to be atleast 500 years old before it needed to be removed for safety reasons back in the late 1960's



SOCIAL

ANN & RACHAEL JACOBS

The Members Night was a great success, bringing together both familiar and new faces for an evening of canapés and cocktails. It was wonderful to see everyone mingling and enjoying each other's company. The event featured meat raffles and a lucky number draw with a \$50 cash prize, adding an extra layer of excitement to the night. The bar was bustling with activity, and a variety of food options ensured that all members were well catered for. We are already looking forward to the next Members Night in 2025. Stay tuned....

> AFL Grand Final | 25th Sept | 2PM Join us at the Clubhouse for a live & loud broadcast if the 2024 AFL Grand Final. Bookings essential for catering purposes. Adults | \$10, Kids | \$5 (includes footy food for the duration of the game)

OPEN EVENT WEEKEND | FISHING COMP | 26TH-29TH SEPT: Powered(limited), unpowered & accommodating on a premium members site

> Twilight Christmas Carnival | 14th Dec | 4PM Santa's on his way to town & we're here to celebrate! <u>This event is for all members & members guests</u>

With live music, games, visit from Santa & BBQ dinner, there's something for everyone. The Sunset Cruise Raffle will also be drawn, you've got to be in it, to win it! So, bring your picnic rug, your dancing shoes & let's get into the Christmas spirit!

Hawaiian New Years Eve Party | 31st Dec | 8PM Aloha!

Boys, dust off your Hawaiian shirts & Girls, get those grass skirts ready Under The Radar are going to shake your coconuts off, with a night of great music & entertainment

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