

Tingira Boat Club
Annual Report
August 31, 2019
Commodore's Report

The 2018-19 year has been quite a stressful year especially in the last few months with five of our members passing away.

John Trefle, husband of Jeanette, passed away on June 21, 2019 after a long illness. John was a well-respected member of our club and enjoyed coming to our Friday night dinners to enjoy the company of others.

With diminishing health John had been in care for the last two years.

On August 3, 2019 Jeanette, invited family and friends to celebrate John's wonderful life at the Tingira Boat Club. This was a great honour for our club to be asked to host this event.

Among the 90 people present were family of both Jeanette and John, past work colleges who had travelled vast distances to be there and many friends from the island including from the Tingira Boat Club where John had made many friends since retiring to Macleay Island.

Laurie O'Toole partner of Vice-Commodore Lynne Turner passed away suddenly on Sunday July 7, 2019. Laurie and Lynne joined the Club about four years ago when we introduced Dragon Boats to the Club. Although not a paddler, Laurie was always there in support when Lynne was Dragon Boating or more recently Outrigging.

Laurie was a practical person and was always down at the club putting up racks for paddles, maintaining the canoes or any other job that needed doing.

Brian (BJ) Bottomley passed away in hospital after a long illness. Many of our members attended his funeral on July 20, at the Great Southern Memorial Park at Mount Cotton.

It was a lovely, though sad occasion and we were told stories of Brian's life running the family's Ice Works and later a charter business out of the Gold Coast taking Japanese Tourists fishing.

We then met up with his family and friends at the Pelican's Café at Weinel Creek.

Sidney Cooper

On August 3 many of our members headed for the mainland to say goodbye to Sidney Cooper, a well-respected member of our club. Sid had been active in our club for many years cooking on Fish and Chip nights, helping Barbara when she was cooking on Friday nights and just helping out wherever he could. Two years ago both Sid and Barbara were rewarded with life membership for their contribution to the Club.

These were people we reacted with on a weekly basis and we will miss them all.

Michael McMahon

More recently we became aware that Michael McMahon had passed away. Although no longer a member, Michael was one of those people who established the Tingira Boat Club back in the 1980s to lay the foundation of what we have today. Michael was our third Commodore and served in the years 1986-87 and 1987-88.

Functions and Events

Throughout the year we have run our favourite assortment of functions and events. Many have been mentioned in previous reports, so I won't go into a lot of detail again, other than to thank those that organised, volunteered and participated in these events.

Calvert Memorial Sailing Event and Dinner.

Held in October, this event is for our Big Boats and is organised in memory of Brian and Margaret Calvert who have passed away.

A dinner is held to announce the winners and present the Calvert Memorial Trophy.

Melbourne Cup Sweep

A great fundraiser to celebrate the running of Melbourne Cup.

Christmas Play

An estimated 100 people turned up to watch this amazing performance. Well worth the hours of effort spent by John Milne and his cast members.

Christmas Party

A great way to end the year dancing to the music of Mama Juju and the Jam Tarts.

Australia Day Function

The Australia Day Barbeque, a fun way to start the year after a well-deserved break.

Canoe Race

Now in its 12th year and becoming stronger each year with paddlers coming great distances to compete for the prize money or just the challenge of completing in the event.

This year with catering, sponsorship and entry fees we made a profit of about \$7000.

Next year the event will be held in May 23 & 24, 2020

Trivia Night

This was so successful that another will be planned when Jeanette is ready.

Commodore's Ball

More recently we had a ball. A Commodore's Ball. There were close to 70 people in attendance including Kim Richards MP and Cr. Mark Edwards. Mama Juju and the Jam Tarts did a wonderful job with the entertainment. Carol and John Lynch, as we have come to expect, did a superb job with the catering with nothing but praise for a delightful meal.

Thanks to all that helped to make this such a great night. Kay and Lee Chapman, Kerry Otter, Margaret Britz, Fay Hooker, Ray Copeland and many others.

Boating

Sailing

After a disastrous year for both the Calvert event and Off-the-Beach sailing where many races were cancelled due to the wind, it was decided to expand both into a series of events. Hopefully that way one event will be completed.

This has been the case and with one event each to be run we have a result. All that needs to be done is to find a winner using Ivan Scott's magic handicap calculator.

In October an awards presentation dinner will be held to replace the annual Calvert Memorial Dinner. Along with presenting the Calvert Memorial Trophy other trophies, medals and awards will be presented in additional categories which represent all of the boating activities in the Club.

Paddling

In order to coordinate all facets of paddling, the Management Committee has restructured the Paddlers Subcommittee to represent all paddlers. We have appointed Peter Hayward (Advanced Paddlers), Karen Smith (Casual Paddlers) and Digby Huffam (Kayaking). There is still a position open for Dragon Boating. The Sailing Master will Chair this sub-committee which, along with the Sailing Subcommittee, will be responsible to the Management Committee. For Sunday paddling, timetables will be drawn up in advance and a set of rules will be circulated so everyone knows what to do particularly to ensure water safety.

Paddling will be allowed at other times of the week with rules drawn up to include check-in, check-out times experienced steerers/leaders in attendance etc.

Under the new Sub-committee paddling will resume on September 15.

It is important in our club that all members are able to participate in any activity they wish and not be designated as a sailor, paddler or social member.

Already we have members who joined the club to paddle and are training to sail in our vagabonds.

Sunday on the Deck

Sunday on the Deck continues to be one our best fund raisers and recruits most of our new members. It first started after complaints that our sailors could not get a feed or a drink after a day at sea. From humble beginnings it now averages about 30 meals each Sunday. Thanks to Margaret Jones who was running it up until Christmas when she applied for a retirement package and Margaret Britz took over. Thank you to you both and all your willing workers.

Our Club

Our Club is unique!

The envy of most other clubs.

It is a great Club.

And what makes it great, is the members.

In fact, the members are the Club.

They own the Club

So, thank you members.

Volunteers

To keep the Club going we need our volunteers.

And I thank all the members who volunteer.

It might only be a couple of hours a month, but it all helps.

In fact, the more members that volunteer the less each one of you needs to volunteer.

Some members do volunteer more than others.

Like Geoff Hiley who is responsible for the bar and does a fabulous job writing the newsletter.

Heather and Stewart who look after our lawns and gardens.

Norm Black who puts out our garbage bins.

Peter Lawson who looks after the safety boat crews.

Moss Lane who repairs our boats.

Don Noble who volunteers for everything.

Plus, our cooks, bar staff, drivers, set-up crews, clean-up crews, safety boat crews, race officials, working bee volunteers plus all those I have forgotten.

Most of all I would like to thank my crew.

The Management Committee members

Vice Commodore Lynne Turner

Lynne is leaving the Committee today and I would like to thank her for her assistance and also for giving a voice on the Management Committee for the paddlers.

Secretary Peter Fox

Peter has been on the committee for about seven years (with one year off when Moya retired).

He has been Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Master and Vice Commodore. To me he has been my mentor and been very valuable no matter what position he held but especially secretary. He also was there to help any other committee member who needed help. We will miss him on the committee.

Treasurer Bob Stampton

Bob has been treasurer for five years keeping our books in order. Today he faces his first challenge as Treasurer, and we may see him back at the table here shortly. I wish him luck.

Sailing Master Peter Deane

Peter is stepping down after only one year in which he was able to bring some great ideas to the table. Due to family matters Peter feels that he may not have the time to offer to Sailing Master so will not be standing for re-election. Thank you Peter for your efforts this year.

Facilities Coordinator Rob Thompson

Rob is definitely staying on. He has unfinished business which he needs to conclude before he retires. Rob is the only one that I can say for sure will be on the new committee.

Providore Moya Fox

Moya was our Providore for a good part of the year during which she did a wonderful job. She is stepping down as Providore but has decided to contest another position. I also wish her luck.

Margaret and Kay

There are two people I would like to especially thank, and they are Margaret Britz and Kay Chapman who stepped in when Peter and Moya decided to travel overseas. Kay has been nominated as Providore unopposed which she has accepted. Margaret will be stepping down from the committee leaving the position of Secretary vacant.

At this stage I normally hand out a bottle of the best bubbly to those leaving the Committee but seeing that I am not sure who is coming or going I might wait until Christmas.

All those committee members have my sincere thanks for all the many hours they put into performing their duties.

And on their behalf, I would like to thank you all for putting your trust in them, to lead your club.

Neville Prosser
Commodore