

Tingira Boat Club Inc.  
Quarterly General Meeting  
June 20, 2020  
Commodore's Report

In my last Quarterly General Meeting report, back on February 29, 2020, I wrote:

*"This year we have a busy and exciting program ahead, both socially and on the water. Along the way we need to enjoy the program and have a bit of fun".*

Little did I know that a few weeks later, on March 23, 2020, I would be shutting down Club activities in line with our Federal Government's policies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In the three months since "Shut Down" many people around the world have been infected by the Corona Virus, and many have died. Because of the restrictions imposed and administered by the Federal, State and Local Governments, Australia has escaped relatively unharmed, so far, for which we should be sincerely grateful.

### **General Meeting**

Although restrictions have been eased in recent times, Social Distancing has meant that we can only accommodate a small number of members in our club rooms at any one time. This makes it difficult to hold a face-to-face meeting although all members are entitled to attend. How do we decide who can attend and who cannot? In this case, Federal Law overrules our Constitution and, to keep members informed, it has been decided by the Management Committee that those documents required by the Constitution for a Quarterly Meeting be prepared and forwarded to all members. They are the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, the Commodore's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. These will be proposed for ratification at our next face-to-face General Meeting.

### **Meetings of the Management Committee**

The Management Committee of the Club continued to meet during the last three months to handle any on-going business and consider actions required in light of the developing and changing situation due to COVID-19 restrictions. I thank the Committee members for their continued support and appropriate social distancing.

### **Take-away Dinners**

Thanks to all those who, to provide some resemblance of normality during the lock down, provided take-away dinners for our members on Friday nights. They should all be congratulated. Thank You.

## **The Way Back**

### **Stage 1** *Easing of Restrictions*

We began with Sunday Paddling followed by Vagabond Sailing.

### **Stage 2** *Return to Friday night sit-down dinners.*

By aligning with Queensland Hotel and Clubs COVID Safe Industry Plan, we were able to open up both the Main Area and Deck of the Club Rooms to accommodate 36 members.  
*Return to play.*

By aligning with the Aquatic Sports COVID Safe Industry Plan, we can return to Dragon Boating, OC6 paddling and sailing.

Our Club must also provide our own Individual Plan, which has been published in the Newsletter, *Tingira Ahoy!*, and updated from time-to-time as things change. This information is also available on the Club's web site.

<https://tingiraboatclub.com/>

### **Stage 3**

Although groups of 100 will be allowed, because of Social Distancing we will only be able to increase our numbers inside the Club Rooms to 40 but over the whole of the main and deck area giving us more freedom.

Outside, however, we can have up to 100, so we can start reprogramming our postponed functions again.

Already rescheduled is the Canoe Race which will be held on the weekend of October 31 and November 1, 2020. This has allowed us to retain the Council's Sponsorship grant of \$7000.

All this easing of restrictions will only continue if we continue as we are. A sudden spike, as is happening in Victoria, could slow our return and even take us back to lock-down once again.

### **Grant**

Thanks to the quick thinking of our Treasurer, Moya Fox, we have been able to acquire a Sporting Kick Start grant from the Queensland Government. This is for \$2000 which will be spent on boating equipment.

Stay Safe

Neville Prosser

Commodore