

# Tingira Boat Club Inc,

## Annual Report 2020

September 5, 2020

The 2019-2020 year started off like any other, with our Annual General Meeting held at the end of August and a new Management Committee elected.

For the next few months everything was fine. We organised several events including:

### **Functions and activities**

Melbourne Cup Function

Classic Car and Boat Show

Christmas Party

Plus, a Working Bee just before Christmas

### **Water Sports**

On the boating side the Calvert Event was run as were the 'Off the Beach' events. It was great to see some of those who normally paddle receiving awards for their sailing.

### **Paddling**

Prior to the AGM we had rearranged the Paddlers sub-committee to better represent our paddling needs. This seemed to be working well by allocating times for casual and serious paddling.

After Christmas we celebrated Australia Day to start off the 2020 year, during which the Commodore disappeared across to Russell Island to be awarded (by Councillor Mark Edwards, Kim Richards MP and Gerard Thompson from the Friendly Bay) the "Bay Islander of the Year (Senior) Award". This was for the work done by the Commodore for organising the Macleay Island Classic and later becoming Commodore of the Tingira Boat Club. I accepted the award on behalf of the Tingira Boat Club and the many volunteers who contribute to the success of our Club.

## **Film Night**

Vice Commodore Moss Lane organised a film night featuring several of our previous Christmas Plays. Moya Fox will be around later to hand out some of the some-what stale left-over chips from that activity.

**The Paddlers** invited the Redcliffe Club paddlers over for a Sunday of paddling and fun.

## **Calendar of Events**

At the start of 2020, the Management Committee members were planning an exciting year for the Club. The Boating Committee met to organise a program of boating events for the whole of 2020. This would include the Calvert event to be run as a series, a summer and winter series for the 'Off the Beach' sailing dinghies and regatta of Jubilee class sailing craft which are owned by several of our members.

The organisation of the **Macleay Island Classic** was well under way. This event was in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and had been invited to join a number of other events, up and down the coast, to form a series to be held throughout 2020.

## **Social Calendar**

On the social side the Management Committee drew up a program of functions for the whole of 2020. These included many of our favourites plus many suggestions provided by our members.

**It was going to be a great year. However.....**

**March 23, 2020, became a date to be remembered:** the day we shut down the Club and postponed all of our events. This included Friday night dinners and all boating as well. I should explain that it was not just the Tingira Boat Club but all of Australia, in fact the whole world, was being impacted as a **pandemic had been declared as a result of a virus causing a disease called COVID-19.**

## **Take-away meals**

Once we got over the initial shock, we discovered we could provide take-away meals for our members, so each Friday our Providore and her helpers cooked, packaged and handed out meals to our members through the Bar window. This allowed us to keep in touch with our members and provide a valued service.

## **Recovery**

Thanks to the restrictions imposed by the Queensland Government, our State's cases dwindled to zero and restrictions were slowly eased. To start we could have 36 members at the Club then finally all restrictions were lifted, as long as Social Distancing was observed and we kept records of those who attended, we could reopen. Because of our size we could accommodate 50 members on a Friday night, if we worked under an Industrial Safe Plan.

We operate under two COVID safe plans, the **Hotels and Clubs Industrial Plan**, for our Club rooms and surrounds, and the **Aquatic Sports Sector Industrial Plan** for our boating.

This has allowed us a bit of freedom and we are starting to bring back some of postponed functions.

These will include:

### **Coming Events**

Jubilees Regatta September 19 & 20

Classic Car Rally October 4

Macleay Island Classic weekend Oct 31 and Nov 1.

Calvert Memorial Event November 28

Christmas Party and Awards night December 19

## **Dancing**

Dancing is still banned, which will limit some of our functions, however hopefully this could change if things improve.

## **History**

Peter Fox has been busy researching and writing the history of our club, starting back in 1982 when the members met on a Friday night around a bonfire down by the beach.

He has many helpers who can tell stories of days gone by. Stories like how the first Fish and Chips were cooked in a kitchen sink.

It is interesting hearing the stories from the founding members and the mischief that they got into: we are angels compared to them.

## **Completion**

Peter is aiming to have the history completed for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. He is slowly working through the different eras of our existence and currently is

working on the Calvert years. Who knows how he will label this year? Perhaps “The year the world stopped”.

## **Grants**

The Queensland government has offered grants to Clubs to help them restart with the easing of restrictions. Thanks to Moya Fox we applied for a \$2,000 grant which allowed us to buy new Life Jackets to replace those that are about to be outdated. These can be used by all members undertaking boating and paddling activities.

A second grant for up to \$20,000 which is still pending will allow us to buy a new Dish Washer and a new training boat to allow our more senior members to go out on the water.

## **Additional Grants**

We have already received a Sponsorship Grant from the Redland City Council totalling \$7,000 to hold the Macleay Island Classic. As the event was postponed due to the Corona Virus, we were able to retain the money to be used when the event is run at the end of October. There is also an amount of sponsorship money from local organisations and businesses to support the race.

Our Ice Machine ceased working after the last power outage however its replacement was covered by insurance.

## **In Memory Of:**

I would like to spend several minutes remembering two of our members who have passed away recently.

### **Jill Ashton**

Jill was a previous member of the Club who did a lot of volunteer work: she spent many hours slaving away in the kitchen and was of great assistance to Jocelyn Shinnie when she was Providore. Jill and Chris, her husband, also looked after our gardens for many years.

### **Coral Rekers**

Coral has always been the life of the party, especially at the Oktoberfest that she and John organised - not always within the bounds of our Liquor Licence. Do you remember how Coral would revert to her original native accent on those nights? They did manage to upset the odd Commodore along the way. John was always the spokesman for the two and would come along ready to thump

the table to get what he wanted. Unknown to him, Coral would have already had a quiet word in the Commodore's ear and paved the way.

I remember when they required a piano and asked one Commodore if one could be purchased at a very good rate just for us. The Commodore said that there would be no piano while he was Commodore. He was correct.

The next Commodore not wishing to suffer the same fate, gave in very quickly and a piano became part of the entertainment on many a Friday night.

As Coral always said, "I'll do it my way!".

## **Committee**

It has been a strange year under the Covid Restrictions, and one would think that during Shutdown there would have nothing to do. It was, however, the other way round. A lot of time and effort was needed to keep up with changing rules and regulations and keeping our members informed.

My thanks go out to my Committee who performed wonderfully well and kept the Club running to move effectively into the next stage.

Many thanks to the outgoing Committee, several of whom are staying for a further term. I thank the outgoing Committee:

Vice Commodore	Moss Lane
Secretary	Lee Chapman
Treasurer	Moya Fox
Sailing Master	Ian Waller-Wilkinson
Facilities' Coordinator	Rob Thompson

And leaving the Committee

Providore	Kay Chapman
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## **In Conclusion**

If my predictions are correct on who will make up the new Committee, I believe they will be an excellent team and a strong Committee. I have worked with all of them and I know they work well together as a team and will continue to lead this Club forward.

We are a strong Club, where members want to be involved. Our volunteers are the backbone of the Club and without them we would not exist.

The Club belongs to the members, so the more you help the stronger the Club will become.

JFK once said words to the affect “You should not think what the Club can do for you, but what you can do for the Club”.

**Thank you all!**

Neville A. Prosser

Commodore