



## **Goolwa Aquatic Club Annual General Meeting**

**Date: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time: 10.30am**

**Location: Goolwa Aquatic Club, 92 Barrage Road Goolwa**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome**

Commodore Tanya Mitchell welcomed 45 members to the 2024 AGM at 10.56am.

#### ***Apologies***

Lizzie Chappel, Paul and Anne Simmons, Janet Chandler, Dean and Tammy Maul Dunn, Jim Nixon, David Smithers, Steve Holden, Nigel Gymer

#### ***Attendees***

Royleen Nixon, John Smithers, Mallee Bower, Judy Shaw, Adam Spees, Kylie Raymond, Tanya Mitchell, Lynley Chalmers, Geoff Overall, Chris Kevern, AJ Kevern, Angela Whyte, Tracey Parkes, Peter Whyte, Marita Thornquest, Karen Gymer, Craig Thornquest, Marina Wagner, Dig Traeger, Peter Shepherdson, Stephen Jervis, Danny Maul, Ruth Merrett, Brian Baillie, Chris Baillie, Andrew Martin, Peggy Offler, Naomi Wall, Andrew Harris, Bryan Lindsay, Nelly Byrnes, David Gubbins, Jon Dean, Sally Dean, Ashley Newman, Mark Watters, Greg Mitchell, John Moore, Liz Rosevear, Ian McLean, Yvonne Hurrell, Brenda Holden, Keith Parkes, Amond Sparrow, Renee Newmann

#### **2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Minutes of the 27 August 2023 Annual General Meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Moved: Marita Thornquest**

**Seconded: John Smithers**

**Carried**

#### **3. Commodore's Report**

- The Commodore, Tanya Mitchell presented the Commodore's report.  
(copy attached)

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

In the Treasurer's absence, Tanya Mitchell gave a summary of the audited financial report from SMP Chartered Accountants.

- The GAC the trading Profit of \$17048.39 is an increase of 9% on the previous year.
- The total bank account balance is \$150,811

#### **5. Election of Committee Members**

##### **Vice Commodore**

Kylie Raymond re-nominating

##### **Committee Members**

1 Judy Shaw re-nominating

2 John Smithers re-nominating

**Treasurer:** Vacancy

No nomination received.

**Secretary:** Vacancy

No nomination received.

**Committee:** Vacancy

No nomination received.

**Motion: That all nominations be accepted.**

**Moved: John Moore**

**Seconded: John Dean**

**Carried**

Committee vacancies are considered casual positions and may be appointed by the Committee until the next AGM.

Members are encouraged to discuss their interest in helping the Club with the Commodore.

#### **6. AOB**

Craig Thornquest asked if there was a possibility the Committee would consider using some of the funds in the GAC Investment account to reduce the debt owed to Council.

Action - Agenda item for GAC Committee meeting

#### **7. Meeting Closed at 11.18am**

Tanya thanked everyone for attending which contributed to having a quorum for the AGM. She asked members to remain and celebrate the Club's 65<sup>th</sup> year and enjoy a piece of cake made specially for the occasion.

## **GAC Commodores Report 2024**

### **Commodore Tanya Mitchell**

I'd like to start with a big thank you to the Committee and volunteers who are here at the Club each week keeping the Member's night on Friday night going and giving their time in support of Club Committee, activities and events. This year we commemorate 65 years for the Goolwa Aquatic Club and I'd like to acknowledge the founding speedboat members, past Commodores and Life Members for their time and commitment which has contributed to all of us being here today and enjoying the Club facilities, and program of activities and events.

In recent times, we have experienced COVID, the Murray River Flooding and this year a blue green algae breakout with a public health warning lasting for 20 weeks, which impacted the implementation of the full Club program.

That being said, it's still been another big year for the Club.

The Sailing group had a busy and successful summer sailing program before the blue green algae kept them off the water for the remainder of the season.

The GAC Speedboat group delivered a big 2 day weekend for Aquafest in April which was great to see and a testament to the passion of a small group of people.

Our business community continues to support the Club and we are all extremely thankful for the sponsorship we receive to support the Club and its activities and events. The Member Cash card draw has certainly been a very popular addition to Friday nights and we welcomed the Goolwa Gym as a major sponsor of the Club this year who provided vouchers for member draws and raffle prizes. Thank you to all of the Club Sponsors. Without the generosity of our sponsors, we couldn't deliver everything we do.

Membership numbers this year totalled 275, up from 245 last year.

20% of the Club membership are juniors across sailing and speedboats, 80% are adult memberships which include

- Coorong Dragons 2%
- Vintage Sailing 8%
- Sailing 22%
- Speedboats 26%
- Social members 42%

The new season starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Members will receive an email for your membership renewals soon with a link to pay direct into the GAC account. Please remember to include your name in the reference so we know who the membership is for! Alternatively we will accept membership payments over the bar.

Committee has ratified to increase membership fees by \$5 for the new season. The new fees are \$60 for Adults, \$30 for Juniors and \$120 for a family. *Membership fees have remained the same for the past 4 years.*

After many years of discussion and preparation, the GAC Sailing Group has decided to leave the GAC and become their own incorporated group. Committee is working with them as they exit the GAC umbrella of aquatic activities and negotiate becoming an affiliated group of the GAC along with Coorong Dragons and Goolwa Vintage Boat Club. What does this mean....externally, the Community won't see anything different as the new Goolwa Sailing Club Inc intend to continue to offer learn to sail sessions and sailing programs here at the GAC. Internally the assets

and funds allocated for the sailing program will be transferred to Goolwa Sailing Club Inc. Sailing have committed to ensuring that sailing members will continue to also be members of the GAC. Change provides an opportunity to start thinking differently, to think about other structural changes that could improve our club performance in the future.

The priorities for the Committee in the coming year will be seeking member assistance with the function of the Committee and Club projects given the vacancies on Committee for the coming year. We need to look at a new business plan to keep the club sustainable and relevant, to continue to build on where we are now.

We have had a number of wins this year, working with the Alexandrina Council, we have

- had the exterior fascia of the GAC building repainted and signage renewed as part of the CLLMM moving in upstairs and installing new signage
- the new signs for the boatshed and club room entry/exit will be completed this week
- the T-Bar jetty has been renewed
- New solar lights have been installed adjacent to the boat ramp providing much needed safety lighting this area after dark

The Club was successful with a grant application of \$3,000 through the State Government Active Club Program which Committee is looking to purchase a new POS system and further equipment. This year we will continue to advocate for solar lights on the pedestrian walkway outside the Club to prevent falls over the garden edging and car park wheel stops.

Committee is also looking into the removal of the reeds from the beach area adjacent to the Club to ensure safe access to and from the river. After a lengthy discussion with Council this year, we were not able to gain their support for this project however we have obtained permission through the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board. Committee is working through the logistics and costs for this and look forward to having clean beach access in the near future.

The club Program for 2024/25 is being finalised and we will have that available to members very soon.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank Mallee Bower who has resigned her position of Secretary on the GAC Committee with 4 and half years of service and support of the Club. We'll still see Mallee around the Club in a social capacity and a thoughtful helper from time to time.

Thank you for your attendance today, are there any questions at this time?