

## **GAC Commodores Report 2023**

### **Acting Commodore Tanya Mitchell**

Your elected Committee for this past year changed with Commodore Mallee Bower needing to take personal leave and resigning to care of family resulting in me caretaking the role of Commodore for the Club.

We also received resignations from Bryan Lindsay Olaf Jansen.

Bryan has been a long standing committee member and a valued life member, a great support for the Club and the GAC Sailing programs and we thank him for his involvement in the Club.

Olaf joined the GAC committee to represent the Vogalonga event group. Unfortunately the Vogalonga group has dissolved and this event has been discontinued.

On behalf of the Committee, I'd like to thank Mallee, Bryan and Olaf for their past and ongoing support of the GAC.

Sadly we've had to say goodbye to valued Club members and life members – Jim Baker, Glen Traeger, Peter Gubbins and Tom Watson. We will remember each of them for their contribution and support of the GAC.

I'm pleased today to provide you with the following report for 2022/23.

The program for the year has been fantastic. Events and member activities are certainly back following the uncertain times with the COVID pandemic and Murray River flooding. We had a very successful summer and winter sailing program and 2 Aquafests which is an absolute credit to the GAC Speedboat group.

Our social events this year included

- A bus trip to Langhorne Creek
- Friday nights and Friday night meal nights – Thank you to Judy and John and team of volunteers .
- Melbourne Cup Dinner – thank you to Liz Rosevear and Ian Mclean
- New Years Eve
- Australia's biggest morning tea

Unfortunately the cruise on the Oscar W and member cruising day didn't proceed due to numbers.

A new member initiative, the Member Cash card draw has been a very popular addition to Friday nights and for this we thank

- D&D Mechanical

- Goolwa Pumping Service
- Custom Metal Fab
- Fleurieu Motor Trimming
- Uplink communications

We held Easter and fundraising raffles, thank you to Ian Thornquest and local business for supporting these and Forty Winks at Noarlunga for donating the major raffle prize of a queen size ensemble. And of course thank you to all of our other ongoing Club Sponsors.

Thanks too Under Extreme Pressure for cleaning our t-bar jetty and boat shed apron.

63 new members joined the Club this year and I look forward to them all continuing their membership. Membership numbers this year totalled 245, up from 226 last year.

Membership fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. You will be receiving your membership invoices soon. Committee ratified to keep the membership fees for the new season the same as this year = \$55 for Adults, \$25 for Juniors and \$110 for a family.

The Club purchased 8 Stand Up Paddle Boards utilising club funds from a donation from the Corio Social Club and surplus funds from Vogalonga.

After many years of discussion and a number of months in preparation, the GAC Constitution has been fully reviewed and re-written. I'll provide more details later in the agenda and ask members to adopt the new constitution. Again I'd like to thank the members who provided feedback to develop this important document and future proofing our Club.

In 2015 following negotiations with Alexandrina Council, Committee took out a loan for GAC of \$160000 over 16 years. This year following discussion with Alexandrina Council and our aquatic groups GAC Speedboat and GAC Sailing. Committee agreed to paying \$25000 off the principal of the loan. The funds \$10K from GAC Speedboats and \$15K from GAC general funds have significantly reduced the interest payable and the loan payout date. GAC Sailing chose not to allocate any funds from their budget area to reduce the Club debt. Janet will provide more details in the Treasurers Report.

There is a new door connecting the boat shed and galley providing clearer access through this space. The realignment of the door creates a better and larger storage space for GAC Speedboats. Thankyou to Geoff Overall and Graham McKee for leading this project. There's a little more to do to complete this project including marking an emergency path from the galley to the car park exit.

The Club has a new memorial seat which you can see today. Thank you to the GAC Speedboat group for purchasing this seat.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank our retiring Committee Members, Liz Rosevear and Peter Whyte for their many years of service and support of the Club. I also appreciate the

offer for ongoing support of Club activities. This is an area that Committee will be exploring more this year, encouraging members to be involved with Club activities and projects without necessarily being on committee.

The priorities for the new Committee will be to continue to build on where we are, developing a business plan and regulations, more policies and procedures to provide consistency with Club operations.

Committee is finalising the club Program for 2023/24 and it will be available soon. Our Club Open Day will be held on Sunday 22 October. Put this date in your diaries, we look forward to a great day here at the Club.

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