

I gave a comprehensive report on the year 2016/2017 at Elections General Meeting in May.

Out of ordinary matters were the final iSail Lidgett Trophy and awarding of Life Memberships to Jeni Danks, Peter Danks and Scott Lidgett, and the passing of our Commodore in Chief Nigel Peck.

New Committee members Leigh Cummin and Chris Harper are making their presence felt whilst newish member Ed Brewis is finding his feet as Secretary.

Since then the Sailing Committee have been busy with this year's program which has been on the website but is available in printed form next week. The traditional opening for the season will take place on 26 November when the tackers are up and going and we are hosting the Pacer Association and expecting lots of Pacers to be present. Sue has worked diligently to get the Honour Board signwriting completed by today. We still have to build new boards for Donors and the Davey's Bay Cup.

Those who haven't been down for a while will see 3 major changes. The lawn lockers now look sparkling with new paintwork, the pathway from the Western gate where 2 ladies and a pavlova fell earlier this year has new cypress decking, whilst on our roof the Solar installation is generating away. Some 45 members turned up to the 2 working bees, which unfortunately had to be scheduled in School Holidays and a long weekend. We did achieve most of what was needed and some members have since helped with finalising the decking. Well done to all our helpers. Those unable to assist so far can always contact me where I have lots of gardening and painting jobs just awaiting willing hands.

Two members received awards from Yachting Australia for services to yachting generally, not just at a Club level. Scott Lidgett received an award for services to yachting whilst Glenys Hitchens received an award for Race Officers. Well done and richly deserved to both Scott and Glenys.

We now have 4 new members, FF15 sailors, and so now have the largest and most competitive fleet on the Bay. Congratulations to Cameron Taylor on being appointed President of FF15AV.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts for Thorry and Jo Gunnensen. Thorry is currently defying the odds. He has also generously donated a library of books by a former famous member Nevil Shute Norway. I will be contributing some articles on this in the Newsletter.

We need to regularise the usage of our cranes. Notice has been given in the Newsletter and we will be following up with signage, training and registration of users in the coming weeks.

We have work underway on reprinting of an updated Members Handbook and publication of a members list.

Under the Chairmanship of RC Nic Peasley we have been looking at strategy for driving the Club forward. Suggestions have been to have 4-6 twilight sailing events. Schools sailing to remain unchanged. The 4 day intensive to remain at 4 days, but efforts made to increase numbers. No thought of a replacement event for the Lidgett Trophy this year. Pitch for 2019 FF States., and maybe Pacers. Opti's and 420's probably require a commitment beyond our numbers. Try to have some Friday night simple dinners if there is support. One innovation has been advertise in the local Mt Eliza and Frankston magazines. We are getting our website up to date. We have a couple of paying functions organised and others in discussion.

We have done work on the Club's accounts to make them more understandable which the Treasurer will detail shortly.

We can always do with some more assistance. Website and archives are examples. But we need members to do Tower and boat duty. Don't regard it as a chore, join in and meet more members, feel useful and have a great time.

Now enjoy your wonderful facilities and have a great sailing season.