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The Vision of this association is: "Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be the iconic lifestyle club in the Geelong region, with a vibrant experience on and off the water"

ROYAL WARRANT

By Admiralty warrant of 27th March 1924, the privilege of wearing the Blue Ensign of Her Majesty's Navy with the Club Pennant was extended to yachts of this club.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Members, the past two years appear to have passed very quickly while I have been at the helm of the RGYC. At first glance I did not think we had achieved a lot, but on reflection we have taken a great number of steps forward in the development of the Club. The list includes:

- Signing a new twenty one year Club Lease with the City of Greater Geelong,
- Introduction of long term contracts with various sponsors
- Government funding for a further three years for the Festival of Sails
- Obtaining planning permission for the clubhouse upgrade
- Completion of a Floating Marina Master Plan

We have sought and received \$80,000 in funding from Regional Development Victoria, Sport & Recreation Victoria and City of Greater Geelong to prepare a Safe Harbour Business case and Precinct Master Plan to assist with the replacement of the west wall of the marina.

We now have a club membership totalling 1200, the highest on record, with a Member retention rate of 90%, the highest in the State.

This year we have established the in-house management of The Festival of Sails under the chairmanship of Vice Commodore Chris Williams. This gives the Club direct control of the event and should result in a cost saving with more benefits for the Club.

The Wooden Boat Festival under the direction of Board Member Stuart Dickson has increased in size and content and the 2016 event looks like it will be the best yet.

Junior OTB Sailing has been progressing strongly with representatives, Tom Alexander and Sophie Alexander, competing in and winning the International Cadet World Championships in Weymouth in the UK in 2014. We also have had representatives competing in the 2015 Worlds in Lake Garda, Italy. Thanks to team coach Tony Bull for all his support and training. We have forged a partnership with the Barwon Sports Academy to further assist the development of our junior sailors. Thirteen of our young members are participating in the BSA programs.

On the water this past season we have had good numbers competing in weekend Club events and Wednesday night social sailing has increased and become hugely successful. The cruising group, as well the power boat division have also increased in size which is great to see as we now support most forms of boating.

I commend Ruth Plummer for all her work for the Club and the RGYC Foundation. Ruth and Guyon Wilson are the pillars of the Foundation and I implore all members to support the Foundation for the future development of sailing at RGYC.

I thank all the volunteers within the Club. If it was not for them putting up their hands time and time again the Club would not operate and be as successful as it is. Great effort!

In closing I would like to thank the Board Members, staff and General Manager Phil Clohesy who have supported me over the journey and trust that Royal Geelong Yacht Club continues to grow in future years.

Ian Murray
Commodore