

Commodore's Report

Hello to all Members and Welcome to all the New Members who have joined the Club recently.

The attendance at the General Meeting on the 4th February was once again very disappointing. There was just enough in attendance to form a Quorum.

A number of the Members at the November meeting felt a better attendance would be achieved by holding this meeting on the mainland. Unfortunately this was not the case.

I hope everybody remembered his or her Valentine on the 14th.

The Fisho held on 16th February was not supported very well. More from Chris in his report.

There is a Seafari coming up on the 1st and 2nd of March and Dave Allen-Sympson will have more on this. I would urge all Members to support this, as I'm sure you won't be disappointed. These outings are a lot of fun. The more involved the better.

Could I remind all members once again to keep the Toilet doors shut.

Also please check the Water Tank level when you arrive at the Island.

If the Level Gauge on top of the tank shows that it is low, make sure the Water Pump is turned on whenever the Generator is running. If the water level gets too low or runs out the Showers and Toilets will not work.

I would also like to remind all Members that when you bring visitors to Boat Haven you must sign them All into the Visitors Book in the Laundry noting their length of stay and then putting the necessary money into the box on the wall in the Laundry. This also applies to Day Visitors. It has been reported that some Members may not be adhering to this Club Rule.

Any Member not adhering to this requirement could have their membership suspended by the Management Committee. It is a condition of your membership.

In future, it will also be necessary for all Members attending Working Bees, to sign an Attendance Book. This is necessary for us to meet our Insurance Policy responsibilities covering these events.

A lot of work was achieved at the Working Bee on Saturday 23rd February.

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To the 15 Members who attended a very big THANK YOU. A huge effort was put in by all, and a special mention goes to Peter Haynes, one of our new Members who was nursing broken ribs. I know a number of people were unable to attend due to work and other family commitments, but I believe that 15 out of over 200 members is a pretty poor effort. It was also very disappointing to see other Members arrive at the Club and sit at tables and use facilities, which were built and maintained by good-hearted Members, without offering to help.

Any person who thinks they can join the Club, or existing members who don't intend to be involved in the cleaning and maintaining of the property has joined the wrong Club and maybe should reconsider their membership when it comes to renewals.

This is a "not for profit" Club which means that along with the benefits comes the responsibility of helping to maintain the Club.

Due to the low cost of membership we do not have the funds to pay for maintenance staff and cleaners. It is with this concern that we are now looking at the possibility of increasing the Building and Maintenance Levy with a reduction for members if they have attended a certain number of working bees by the time it comes to next renew. We will be discussing this at the next General Meeting to be held at Boathaven on SATURDAY 24th May commencing at 2pm and followed by a "Wine and Cheese "and then the scheduled "BEACH PARTY". The meetings usually take around one hour that would give all the day-trippers adequate time to return home following the meeting.

Safe Boating is Great.

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