



### **Annual Dinner and Trophy Night**

**Commodore, Tim Geard, presents the trophy for Club Person of the Year to Secretary, Nick Magers, in acknowledgement of his hard work and dedication above and beyond the call of duty.**

## Committee Notes

Well ..... our Commodore, Vice commodore and Secretary have all had Covid (along with half the community probably).

..... our electronic gate broke down and has been fixed (hopefully). Apologies to any members who were inconvenienced by this glitch in the system. And thanks to Nick Magers who (as ever) ensured the right people were contacted and the fault attended to in as timely a manner as possible.

..... our competitive and social events for the season have finished. Your Committee, however, will continue to meet monthly to ensure the Club keeps on keeping on.

..... our Marina and Hardstand spaces continue to be fully subscribed as boating enthusiasts pour into the harbour looking for safe berthing for their craft. Unfortunately, some members have been on our waiting lists for quite some time but it's rare for people to give up their spots.

..... our annual notices of fees and marina/hardstand/power costs are about to go out to members.

..... our site is still being improved with garden and infrastructure projects ticking along thanks to your Committee and the odd Working Bee.

..... our latest round of Club clothing has been ordered and is in the pipeline (so to speak). We still have a small number of items in the Clubhouse if you are looking for a garment—and plenty of hats, all with the Club name and logo.

## Notices

- ◆ **Upcoming Events**
- ◆ **Committee Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 5:00 pm.** (Minutes available on request.)
- ◆ **Tuesdays, June 14th, July 12th & August 9th: Fish and Chips with Happy Hour Book Club @ 5:00 pm**
- ◆ **Friday, September 9th: Annual General Meeting of SBBC.**
- ◆ **Facebook** Please don't neglect the Club Facebook page. **Visit it, like it, follow it, share it** and add your boating stories and photos to it. Feel free to use it as a Lost & Found and a Club Marketplace if you wish.

It's called **Spring Bay Boat Club @boatinginspringbay**

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## Social Notes

### Social Event of the Year: Annual Dinner and Trophy Night

The SBBC Social Committee has tried many models over the years in order to provide an enjoyable, appropriate and memorable Grand Finale to the Summer boating season. We have held dinner/dances at various venues, fully catered formal occasions both at local eateries and at our own Clubrooms, lively gatherings with bands and singers, glittering, black-tie affairs with harpists, low-key lunches, self-catered events and more. This year, we revisited one of our former venues (under new management) and reverted to the tried-and-true formula of a good-value sit-down meal with Trophy presentations between courses. The Tandara pulled out all stops for us and provided the perfect venue, amazing value-for-money (\$40 for a three course meal), good food and a hassle-free evening as far as the Committee was concerned. Their staff was most obliging and the organisation of the evening could not have gone more smoothly thanks to good planning and a very professional team on site. Thank you, TANDARA!



LEFT: The coveted trophy for the Long Distance Series (a set of three races - one around Lachlan Island and back via the Western Maria shore; one to Green Pt and back and one to Darlington and back with various other marks on the course) is always hotly contested. This year *Zebedee* (Greg Maddox) won the first race, *Deseado* (Malcolm Ferguson) won the second and the third was abandoned (no wind!!). The winner of the trophy due to accumulated points was *Madiba* (Roy Forbes)

At the dinner, trophies are presented to all the winners of various boating competitions held during Spring and Summer. This year, entries have been high and competition keen, with some tricky sailing required on a couple of memorable afternoon/evenings. Deb West, our wonderful Vice Commodore (Sail), announced the winners who all received their prizes from our Commodore.

## Annual Dinner... cont.

Trophy winners were as follows:

Spring Twilight: Madiba (Roy Forbes)

Pennant: Madiba

Summer Twilight: Kooranya (Deb West)

Pacer Challenge: Jane & Bruce Palmer

Long Distance Series: Madiba

Cock of the Bay: Zebedee (Greg Maddox)



Many thanks to Doyle Sails who have most generously provided \$50 gift vouchers for the major prize-winners for the past several years. We are extremely grateful to them for this support of our sport and our Club.

Cock of the Bay, Zebedee (Greg Maddox).

In addition to sailing prizes, several other important Awards were part of the proceedings, most notably the conferral of a new Life Membership. This was awarded to Ray Coope, who has been a Club member since the early days of the 1970s and has been a tireless and most dedicated worker for us. Every bit of infrastructure development has been assisted by Ray and he has been a Committee member for decades. A well-deserved accolade for an enormous amount of consistent effort and generous support!



Nick Magers won Club Person of the Year.

New LIFE MEMBER, Ray Coope.

Nathan Hardy won the very “prestigious” Blue Slipper Award for Outstanding Wetness in the pursuit of Boating Excellence in recognition of his determination and tenacity in the face of repeated dunkings during the Pacer Challenge.

## Social Notes

### MYSTERY TOUR, 10/04/2022

26 SBBC members and friends had an early start on Sunday, meeting at Salmon Ponds, Plenty.

After coffee, the eleven vehicles headed southwest. Unfortunately at our turn off point, Karanja, we discovered the road was closed. Not to be outdone, an alternate route to the destination was found.



LEFT: the picnic spot



RIGHT: the convoy

Passing through Maydena, turning south onto the Styx Road, after 15 km we arrived at the Big Tree Reserve. What awesome giants, the Eucalyptus Regnans, commonly known as Swamp Gum, are just enormous. These are some of the tallest eucalyptus on the planet. Our group spent an hour and half viewing the giant trees and the wonderful Styx River, after which headed back along the road for lunch.

After an enjoyable BBQ and a few tall tales, participants made their way home.

A great day was had by all.

Thanks must go to Rob and Sue for coordinating the wonderful service at Salmon Ponds, guidance and commentary on the tour.

JOHN HALL

Thanks also to Vonda and John Hall for organising this Mystery Tour—and all the previous ones!

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## From your Rear Commodore:

As we slip into the cooler, quieter months of winter at the Boat Club, it might seem like things are “on hold” with fewer activities and less frequent boating. But not so! The jobs on site do not stop.

As Rear Commodore, my role is basically one of ensuring the Clubhouse facilities and any social occasions are organised, well-provisioned and kept up to scratch. Often this extends into other work like keeping an eye on the ablutions block and the state of the site, organising to get equipment fixed or replaced and generally assisting other committee members with maintenance and support. In this, I am most ably assisted by Malcolm Fergusson who comes along as part of my “two-for-the-price-of-one” (albeit free) deal. Those of you who visit the site frequently will know that the gas system at the ablutions block has had a total upgrade, drainage blockages have been attended to, whole-site underground services and wiring etc have been professionally identified, logged and mapped, new signage has appeared and the barbecue area continues to be improved. Deb and Tim have been legends in the garden. Alistair and John put a new sensor on the gate. Mick has put up life rings. And these are just a few of the many ongoing tasks that our willing volunteers add to their already full lives.

SBBC has no paid employees. And all members pay the same annual subs. Every member has access to everything the Club provides (and it’s quite a lot!). If you are interested in progressing a project or simply helping out, talk to a committee member, jump on the website for info and maybe consider joining the committee at the next AGM or being one of the volunteers.

Lots of new members have joined the Club and there has been a general lift in numbers coming along to events eg Dinner, Mystery Tour and ...

**Pizza Night—Friday 13th May.**

**Rowan and Jack at the Pizza Construction Station. It was a great night with over 30 people attending.**

By the way - if you have an idea for a new Club logo/pennant/burgee design, sketch it out and be ready to share it after this year’s AGM.



**MC at the annual dinner.**

**64 people attended**



**Leanne O’Brien**

# PHOTO GALLERY



Jane Forbes enjoyed the first creation out of the oven on our Friday 13th — Pizza Night.



3 gorgeous images from the Mystery Tour to the Styx Forest and Salmon Ponds.



# Gallery cont.



Deb West, skipper of *Kooranya*, and crew (Phil Wild and Tim Geard), winner of the second Twilight series.

**RIGHT:** Jane and Bruce Palmer came along to the annual Pacer Challenge at Raspins Beach in January and showed the rest of the fleet a clean pair of heels. Their team name was *The Pace-makers!*



Nathan Hardy, winner of the Blue Slipper Award for Outstanding Wetness in the pursuit of Boating Excellence 2022.



**LEFT:** *Madiba*, with skipper Roy Forbes, did rather well for the season, winning the first Twilight series, the Summer Pennant and the Long Distance series. Roy and trophy shown here with crew (Andrew Gibson, Malcolm Fergusson and Rod Burnell)