

COMMODORES REPORT OMOKOROA BOAT CLUB 2026

Last years report focused on survival, cost cutting and budgeting. I am pleased to report your committee has managed to survive and managed to wipe out last years deficit with a small profit this year. While not out of the woods yet, we are making progress in all aspects of the spectrum. There are no major projects on the horizon as of yet as we need to complete smaller tasks first. As you all know, times are tough in the hospitality industry and survival is of utmost importance. I am very grateful for the effort of the committee in achieving these goals.

Some urgent maintenance had to be undertaken. A new ice making machine had to be purchased, the heating and air conditioning unit needed an over haul, our eftpost system had passed its use by date and required an upgrade, a new washing machine and dryer was purchased which reduced our towel and cleaning material costs to zero, a new security roller door locking the spirits in the bar away, an office window installed, the pool table was recovered and a table lifter purchased, new safety mats at both entrances of the club, painting of the black dungeon wall by the food counter completed, new vacuum cleaner, the building washed and the bird scarers reconditioned. These items were not real expensive, but has made life easier for our staff.

We managed to reduce wages to a reasonable level, but still believe more savings can be achieved. To balance this, our turnover remained stable, which indicates members used the club more. This is noticeable especially on Thursday members night.

As our finances started to stabilise, it became apparent that we could afford to pay a part timer to help run the club. Harrie Gererats filled the position of Operations Manager and has acquitted himself with distinction in taking over the day to day running of the club on a part time basis. I have really enjoyed working with you. Thank you Harrie.

Events and activities

Again, we have experienced a real run of great weather heading into winter. While patchy weather was upon us early in the season, the sailing programme was able to be completed. All thanks to John Budden and his team for organising the sailing. Thank you to the LOTSW members for their tireless maintenance work keeping our vessels in tip top condition.

The fishing comps were once again a success. However weather interfered with the kids original date. The end result was some very happy fisherpersons in both comps. Congratulations to all winners. Thank you Andrew Birks for his involvement in organising the comps.

Our Sunday music sessions with live music was again very popular and attracted lots of fans to the club. These events boost takings for both the club and the kitchen and are an

integral part of harmony within the club. Thanks to the organisers of these afternoons and roll on summer when the deck can be utilised and full of patrons

Bookings for private functions are still being accepted with care taken not to interfere with members wishing to use the club.

Our normal monthly quiz night winter attraction has been joined by a monthly bingo night. These nights are expertly run by Geoff and Sue Gripton and Matthew and Liz Farrell respectively. Thank you for helping the club with these member attractions.

The pool table gets a huge amount of use and has been refurbished. Thank you to all members for turning out on members night to enjoy raffles, members draws and pool.

Bar and kitchen

David Cooper and his staff Lisa, Donna Cox, Rubi and Mark Clifton looked after patrons keeping them hydrated.

The kitchen has a change of caterer with Stan and Manuela replacing Victor. Welcome to the club, we wish you well in your endeavours to keep our diners happy.

Sponsors

I wish to thank all those who have in some way contributed and supported the club. A lot of new sponsors were welcomed by the fishing side of our club. To our major sponsor Rachel Millard of Your Real Estate, a huge thank for remaining loyal to the club with your support. We are very appreciative of your involvement in the activities of the club. It surely makes it easier to organise events if sponsors funds are available. If you wish to become a club sponsor, please contact the Commodore.

Conclusions

After another year of hard graft, the committee has achieved admirably in keeping the club on an even keel. I am very appreciative of their efforts because there were some hard decisions that had to be made. Membership has continued to increase to some where in the vicinity of 925 financial members. This shows the popularity of the club and we need to keep the momentum running forward. If we keep our standards, service and attitudes on a high, then we will prosper.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank the committee for their efforts. It is not an easy job being entrusted to look after the wonderful asset we have and over the last twelve months there has been trying issues to overcome. In particular, I thank Janet Cantlon for the huge commitment and the magnificent effort as secretary of this club, well done. I also thank Marcus Annan for his never ending enthusiasm (and presence at the club) and passion as treasurer of the club. Both are retiring this year and I wish them the best of luck in their retirement. Thank you for what you have achieved for the club.

Thank you to all who have contributed in some way to keep the club functioning at the high level we are currently running at. Thank you Amelia for your advice and help in making some of our decisions. It is very pleasing to witness happiness amongst

members. Lots of laughing and when the chips were down and a problem needed sorting is was resolved with out a major catastrophe.

Last year my closing statement read "AFTER ALL, IT IS THE SURVIVAL OF THE CLUB WE ARE WORKING FOR" I am convinced we achieved this and are about to take the next step.

CONSOLIDATE AND ENJOY THE CLUBS SURVIVAL

Ian Blunt

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