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**COMMODORE'S REPORT**

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We have been lucky with the weather for recent events particularly the Inner Harbour Fishing Comp. There was a lot of fish weighed in and the auction ensured that the Child Cancer and Cancer Foundation received a donation of just over \$1000 between them. Thank you all that supported the event.

L.T.S.A. will be having another evening at the club soon to give us an update on the final plans for the motorway extensions.

Later in the newsletter are dates for Coastguard courses, if you haven't attended one then I suggest you consider it, it is highly beneficial.

At a recent function at the club it was very disappointing to find damage to club property; the Executive will be considering how to ensure the club is not out of pocket in future.

A reminder to all who wish to hire the club rooms that you responsible for your guests.

April is nearly ended, don't forget to enter Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in your diary for the last Quarterly meeting of the year **All the best, Len Whysall**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Hi everyone, hope all who attended the Annual fishing contest had a great time, if you didn't, it wasn't our fault. Turned out to be a great day, with the auction benefiting the Cancer Society.

The Ladies Fishing Comp is coming up as are a few other things that you will see in the Social Calendar.

We had a good turn out on St Patrick's night. The Bring Along a Friend on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March was a fizzer – not one person turned up with a friend to collect the lucky prize.

Come on folks, a little more enthusiasm would be a great boost for the few people who work very hard to try and make everything social at the Club a winner. I can't believe that out of thirteen hundred Members we still only ever see the usual 50 odd people at the Clubrooms. The facilities we have are great, there is a playground for the kids, a restaurant that is producing some really delicious meals and snacks, a nice deck to sit out on and enjoy a glass of wine and the lovely view. So come on down to the Club and enjoy what you pay your subs towards.

Any suggestions on what the Members would like to see happening at the Club would be appreciated (within reason, as the recession does have an affect on Clubs etc) so please let us know and we will endeavour to do something constructive about your suggestions.

Have had a query from a couple of Members about cards for young family Members. This was discussed at length some years ago and with some help from the Incorporated Societies Act we found that it is not feasible. Children are family Members until they turn 18 years of age and then they can become a full Club Member without having to pay the nomination fee, just the subscriptions annually and they can enjoy all aspects of the Club. No one under the age of 18 can drink alcohol at the Club.

Hope to see you all around the Club in the near future.

Kindest Regards  
Maxine Saunders  
Club Captain.

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**PROPERTY OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**Giddy**

*Winter is upon us and the hard site is starting to full up.....*

*With it getting very busy on the hard site, I need two weeks' notice for haul outs and boats to go back in, If you don't know my number you can get it from the office or behind the bar.*

*When having your boat hauled out make sure you have your cradle organised, and if you have problems with this give me a call and I will try and help to my best ability.*

*There are an increasing number of club cradles that boats have been sitting on for a long period of time, which stop other members from coming out, I understand that there are unforeseen problems that do arise when doing maintenance on your boat that prevents you from going back in at the estimated time, just remember there are people waiting for that cradle that you are on, so if the vessel is not being worked on, we will be very seriously looking at other arrangements at the owners expense.*

*Please make sure you keep the hard site clean.*

*It's good to see more club members participating in club actives.*

*Don't forget your mums' like fishing too, make sure you don't forget them on mother's day.*

*Happy and safe boating.*

*Cheers Charles ☺*

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**MAY SOCIAL CALENDER**

**SUNDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>** - POOL & DARTS COMPETITIONS 11AM START

**SUNDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>** - MOTHERS DAY LUNCH BUFFET BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FROM MIDDAY TO 2.30PM TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BAR OR SEE MAXINE.

**SATURDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** - LADIES FISHING 6AM START 4PM WEIGH-IN LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES. TICKETS AT BAR.

**SATURDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>** - TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM START. LOTS OF PRIZES AND FUN. GET A TEAM TOGETHER AND GET YOUR TICKETS. SUPPORTING LYNN AVON 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISING FOR GOLD COAST TRIP. LIMITED TICKETS NO DOOR SALES. SEE MAXINE FOR TICKETS OR RING HER ON 0274960847.

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Barnacles, Barnacles, Barnacles, The bane of most boaties and now the bane of the Club.

Over the years, it has become common practice to tip the barnacles etc, scraped off the boats when they have been hauled out of the water, back into the tide. This has now resulted in a mud bank developing by the work bays. As the scrapings cannot go into Rubbish Skips, it is now up to the individual boat owners to take their scrapings off the grounds and dispose of themselves.

(If anyone has any other sensible suggestions to solve this problem the Executive will like to hear).



## LOOKING AT DEVELOPING THE REAR or FRONT of YOUR SECTION?



“ LET ME HELP YOU ! ” MINOR DWELLING-RENTAL-SUBDIVISION 38 The Concourse, Henderson  
CALL ME FIRST FOR “NO OBLIGATION **Rodger McIntosh** 09 837 1563  
SITE INSPECTION & FEASIBILITY STUDY “ Fellow Club Member” 0274937989<sup>OR</sup>  
email:rodger@harmonyhomes.co.nz

visit web site for more information

[www.harmonyhomes.co.nz](http://www.harmonyhomes.co.nz)

### HARDSITE

It is a condition of using the Hardsite that a Hardsite Contract must be completed **prior** to the boat being pulled from the water. If the office is closed then the forms are available from Lou & Bev.

Also all Hardsite fees must be paid in full before the boat is put back in - "No Cash, No Splash".

If you require your boat to go back in on the weekend then payment must be received at the office by 4pm Friday.

The Executive is hot about this and the Property Officer has been instructed not to either pull out or put boats back in if the above criteria have not been met!

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Yet again the Rubbish Skips are being filled with household rubbish; this is costing the club as they have to be emptied more frequently.

To stop this practice the Skips will be kept together and put under camera surveillance. Any member caught dumping household rubbish will have to face the Executive Committee while non members will be prosecuted. You have been warned !!

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A man met a pirate at a pub and noticed that the pirate had a wooden leg, a hook and an eye patch.

"How did you get the wooden leg?" asked the man.

"Well" said the pirate, "I was swept overboard during a storm and a shark bit off my leg."

"That's terrible," said the man. "What about the hook?"

"Well" said the pirate, "we were boarding an enemy ship and in the heat of battle my right hand was sliced off."

"How terrible," said the man. "And the eye patch?"

"A seagull dropping fell into my eye."

"You lost your eye because of a seagull dropping?"

"Well, it was my first day with the hook."

### The Hireage of the Clubrooms

We encourage members to hire the Clubrooms to celebrate their anniversaries, birthdays etc. Unfortunately due to the last couple of functions that left such a mess, including a broken screen on one of the pokies (if you know who did it, we would love to invoice them the cost of repairs), we have no option but to request a \$500 bond when booking the rooms, this will be refunded if the rooms are left in reasonable condition.

Please remember:

-We do have to obtain a Special Licence for functions, so we require a minimum of 20 working days notice before the function.

-The member organizing the function is responsible for the behaviour of their guests and any damage caused by them.

-the guests must leave when the host leaves.

-Guests cannot be on the premises outside the hours specified on the Special Licence, this breaches the Special Licence and if caught can result in having our Club Licence suspended.  
-We have to specify the number of people attending the function on the Special Licence, again more than specified on the licence can result in suspension of the Club Licence, so please aim on the high side if you are unsure on how many will be attending. This also helps in ensuring that we have enough bar staff on hand.

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Just a reminder - Please keep your speed down to 5 km's when driving through the Club grounds

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The Inner Harbour Fishing Competition was a huge success.  
We raised enough from the auction to donate to Kids Cancer & The Cancer Society \$552 each, we couldn't have done this without the members who gave their time to make it happen as well as the Sponsors.

The Sponsors were

Norcross Sportsworld, Gourock, Moon Engines, The Boat Doctor.

The results of the competition are;

Heaviest Kingfish: Phil Waddell 5.16kg

Women's Section

Heaviest Fish Diana Choat 2.21kg

2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest Fish Loanie Thompson 1.94kg

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Marcia Thompson 1.83kg

Snapper

Heaviest Cliff Armstrong 3.22kg

2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest Shaun Stackley 2.86kg

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Shaun Stackley 2.64kg

Heaviest Kahawai: Billy Dunsmore .42kg

Junior Section

Heaviest Shaun Stackley 2.86kg

2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest Shaun Stackley 2.64kg

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Jonathon Gifford 1.95 kg

Average weight

Steve Corkill 1.07kg

The Lion red Competition was also drawn on the day and the winner of the rod and reel was Donald Hamilton

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#### FOR SALE

We have, for sale, a small selection of fleece sleeveless Vests with the clubs emblem embroidered on them for \$28. --- Available from the office

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Results of the Overnight Fishing Comp. held 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April

Snapper

Heaviest. Grant Hamilton 2.6kg

2<sup>nd</sup> Heaviest. Robert Dundass 2.55kg

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Levi Madsen-Prin 2.2kg

Other Species

Kawai. Robert Dundass 2.6kg

John Dory. Bruce Amies 2.2kg

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#### Coastguard Boating Courses

The Coastguard will be running two courses at the Clubrooms over July & August.

Day Skipper (2 Days) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July

VHF Radio Op (1 Day) 28<sup>th</sup> August

To register please contact

Kylie on 09 3039343 or Liz on 09 3039365 alternately you can book it via their website

[www.coastguard.org.nz](http://www.coastguard.org.nz).

Both these courses are well worth the cost especially for the new boaties we have at the club

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## **QUARTERLY MEETING**

The last quarterly meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm