

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

ABN 91 000 805 265

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 28 February 2023

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Directors' Report

28 February 2023

Your Directors present their report on Lake Macquarie Yacht Club for the financial year ended 28 February 2023.

Directors

The names of the Directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Name	Position	Occupation	Special Responsibilities	Years' Service
Geoff Edman	Commodore	Retired	Cruising Division	12
Peter Shaddock	Vice Commodore	Architect	House Committee	8
Steven Ford	Rear Commodore	Retired	Sailing Committee	5
Edwin Hillier	Treasurer	Chartered Accountant	House Committee	15
Eleanor Cunningham	Club Captain	Retired	Sailing Committee	8
Mark Holmes	Director	Mining Manager	Sailing Committee	3
Garry Van Dijk	Director	Managing Director	Sailing Committee	3
David Nichols	Director	Retired	House Committee	1
David Young	Director	Group Engineering Manager	Sailing Committee	1

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Club Secretary

The following person held the position of Club Secretary at the end of the financial year:

Mark Norden, who is also the CEO of the Club, has been the Club secretary since 11 March 2016.

Principal activities

The principal activities of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club during the financial year were:

- The promotion and conduct of organised and recreational water-based activities for members;
- The leasing of Marina berths;
- The operation of a Licensed Club.

No significant changes in the nature of the Club's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating results

The operating profit of the Club after providing for income tax amounted to \$ 309,815 (2022: loss of \$ 72,473).

Review of operations

Profit from bar trading amounted to \$1,001,274 and gross profit percentage of 67% was obtained from sales of \$2,469,732.

Net gaming revenue amounted to \$218,970 and compares with \$132,369 in 2022.

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Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 11 meetings of Directors, 11 meetings of the sailing committee, 1 meetings of the house committee and 10 meetings of the cruising division were held. Attendances by each Director during the year were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings		House Committee		Sailing Committee		Cruising Division	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Geoff Edman	11	10	-	-	-	-	10	7
Peter Shaddock	11	11	1	1	-	-	-	-
Steven Ford	11	10	-	-	11	11	-	-
Edwin Hillier	11	10	1	1	-	-	-	-
Eleanor Cunningham	11	10	-	-	11	8	-	-
Mark Holmes	11	9	-	-	11	10	-	-
Garry Van Dijk	11	10	-	-	11	11	-	-
David Nichols	11	10	1	1	-	-	-	-
David Young	11	9	-	-	11	10	-	-

Members guarantee

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club is a Club limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the Club, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$20, subject to the provisions of the Club's constitution.

At 28 February 2023 the collective liability of members was \$120,380 (2022: \$88,700).

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Club during the year.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Club, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Club in future financial years.

Environmental issues

The Club's operations are subject to environmental regulations under the laws of the Commonwealth and State of Australia. The Directors are not aware of any breaches of the legislation during the financial year which are material in nature.

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Short and long term objectives

The Club has established short and long term objectives as outlined in the Club's business plan which is reviewed on an annual basis. These objectives are both financial and non financial and are aimed towards providing a comfortable and secure environment to its members that continues to meet their needs. These objectives are measured through both financial and non financial key performance indicators that have been determined relevant to the Club industry. No information is included on the likely developments in the operations of the Club and the expected results of those operations.

Disclosure of Core and Non-Core Property

Pursuant to Section 41J(2) of the Registered Clubs Act 1976 and for the financial year ended 28 February 2023, the Directors have determined that the property of the Club shall be classified as follows:

Address	Current Usage	Classification
9 Ada Street, Belmont	Club Premises & Marina	Core

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 28 February 2023 has been received and can be found on page 5 of the financial report.

Indemnification and insurance of officers

The Club has paid premiums to insure each of the Directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of Director of the Club, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Club.

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Mandatory Director Training

Under the *Registered Clubs Amendment (Disclosures) Regulation 2019*, the Club is required to disclose to its members certain information relating to mandatory training requirements undertaken by Directors. As the Club has annual gaming machine profits of less than \$1 million, the Regulation prescribes that at least two Directors must complete their mandatory training within 12 months of appointment unless otherwise exempt.

Although the Board has determined that more than two Directors meet the requirements for an exemption based on holding relevant qualifications and past time served on the Clubs' Board, one Director has nominated to complete this training. Details of completed training in excess of minimum requirements has been detailed below:

- Eleanor Cunningham completed approved Director training through the Club Directors Institute in 2018.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director: 

Director: 

Dated 24 April 2023

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

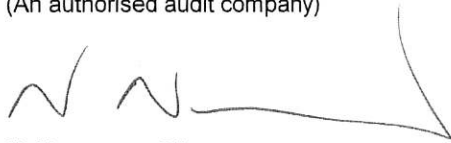
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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 28 February 2023, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Cutcher & Neale Assurance Pty Limited
(An authorised audit company)



N. Nancarrow CA
Director

NEWCASTLE

17 April 2023

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Independent Audit Report to the members of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (the Club), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 28 February 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Club is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 28 February 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Club in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of the Club, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 1(b) in the financial statements, which discusses the impact of COVID-19 on the Club's operations and finances. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Club's Directors' report for the year ended 28 February 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Club are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Club to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Club or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Club's internal control.

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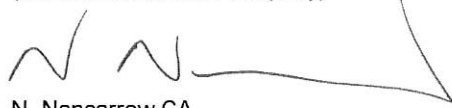
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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Club's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Club to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Cutcher & Neale Assurance Pty Limited
(An authorised audit company)



N. Nancarrow CA
Director

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25 April 2023

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Directors' Declaration

In the Directors' opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 10 to 29, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 28 February 2023 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Club.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: 

Director: 

Dated 24 April 2023

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 28 February 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Bar sales		2,469,732	1,487,052
Less: Bar cost of goods sold		(809,272)	(468,734)
Gross profit		1,660,460	1,018,318
Gaming machine net clearances		218,970	132,369
Marina income		672,815	597,222
Sailing income		62,525	49,608
Raffle income		25,332	16,905
Gaming commissions		6,239	4,480
Functions income		239,500	283,525
Other revenue from contracts with customers	2	148,343	84,332
Other revenue from ordinary activities	2	297,564	212,074
Other revenue from non-ordinary activities	2	-	91,410
Borrowing cost expense		(174,368)	(141,969)
Bar trading expenses		(659,186)	(416,009)
Gaming machine trading expenses		(74,824)	(54,641)
Marina expenses		(64,215)	(61,344)
Sailing expenses		(156,598)	(139,419)
Raffle expenses		(23,165)	(18,162)
Gaming commission expenses		(1,983)	(2,065)
Function trading expenses		(198,291)	(281,014)
Club promotion and entertainment expenses		(105,861)	(85,372)
Occupancy expenses		(230,169)	(194,505)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(544,679)	(481,342)
Administrative expenses		(788,594)	(686,874)
Profit / (loss) before income tax		309,815	(72,473)
Income tax expense / (benefit)		-	-
Profit / (loss) after income tax		309,815	(72,473)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income / (loss)		309,815	(72,473)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 28 February 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,054,256	689,541
Trade and other receivables	5	99,254	55,045
Inventories	6	64,930	57,991
Other assets	7	123,612	107,601
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,342,052	910,178
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	7,488,530	7,473,604
Right-of-use assets	9	704,368	705,446
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		8,192,898	8,179,050
TOTAL ASSETS		9,534,950	9,089,228
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	242,450	210,248
Short-term borrowings	11	155,089	166,480
Short-term provisions	12	126,209	121,483
Other liabilities	13	223,421	205,017
Lease liabilities		47,134	39,611
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		794,303	742,839
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long-term borrowings	11	2,200,753	2,127,254
Long-term provisions	12	40,328	31,170
Other liabilities	13	36,302	32,095
Lease liabilities		706,777	709,198
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,984,160	2,899,717
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,778,463	3,642,556
NET ASSETS		5,756,487	5,446,672
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		5,756,487	5,446,672
TOTAL EQUITY		5,756,487	5,446,672

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 28 February 2023

2023

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 March 2022	5,446,672	5,446,672
Profit / (loss) attributable to members of the Club	309,815	309,815
Balance at 28 February 2023	<u>5,756,487</u>	<u>5,756,487</u>

2022

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 March 2021	5,519,145	5,519,145
Profit / (loss) attributable to members of the Club	(72,473)	(72,473)
Balance at 28 February 2022	<u>5,446,672</u>	<u>5,446,672</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 28 February 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	4,302,813	2,992,235
State Government Small Business Grants	-	11,490
State Government JobSaver	-	79,920
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,272,413)	(2,478,124)
Interest paid	(174,368)	(141,969)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	<u>856,032</u>	<u>463,552</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(504,169)	(1,100,547)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(504,169)</u>	<u>(1,100,547)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from borrowings	2,645,815	2,496,158
Repayment of borrowings	(2,583,707)	(2,031,835)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(49,256)	(37,816)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	<u>12,852</u>	<u>426,507</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	364,715	(210,488)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	689,541	900,029
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u>4 1,054,256</u>	<u>689,541</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 28 February 2023

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(b) Significant changes in the current report period

Impact of COVID-19 on Club Operations

Since the World Health Organisation ("WHO") declared COVID-19 as a pandemic in March 2020, the Club has experienced periods of closure and restricted trade due to directives from government and health authorities.

In the prior year (2022), the Club was forced to close from 5pm on 5 August 2021, by the NSW Government due to the escalating transmission of COVID-19 within NSW regional areas. The closure was imposed in a Statewide lockdown to restrict the spread of the virus. The Club was not able to trade during this closure period. The Club re-opened on 11 October 2021 (closure period was 66 days). The Club has complied with COVID-19 safety and social distancing measures outlined by authorities since re-opening.

To minimise the impacts on cashflows during this closure period, management of the Club have adopted various short-term measures including:

- Monitoring stock expiry dates and taking appropriate action to reduce the financial impacts of stock losses.
- Sourced funding offered by the NSW Government (COVID grants and / or JobSaver) where applicable.
- Staff were stood down to reduce wage costs. Permanent and part-time staff had access to unused leave balances.
- Contacting suppliers and taking up revised payment terms if available.
- Incentives offered through other taxes or duties payable have also been considered.

Adherence with social distancing rules, including implementing a COVID-19 safety plan, rostering of hygiene marshals, restricting the number of patrons in the Club, wearing of face masks and utilising Service NSW electronic check-in for patrons were considered the normal course of business for the majority of the year.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(b) Significant changes in the current report period

The Club received Government financial assistance in the 2022 financial year. The amount received in 2022 of \$91,410 from the NSW Government is shown in Note 2 as other revenue from non-ordinary activities.

The Club continues to monitor and adhere to NSW Government guidelines and review cashflows during the latest Omicron variant spread from mid December 2021. At the date of signing the 2023 financial report, no further closures of the Club have occurred since 11 October 2021.

(c) Income tax

The Club is exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. This exemption is subject to the provisions that the legislation does not change and that the objects and activities of the Club do not alter in future years.

(d) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including leasehold improvements and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Club commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land is not depreciated.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold Improvements	2% - 25%
Plant and Equipment	5% - 50%
Marina	3% - 25%

The assets' residual values, depreciation methods and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(f) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Club assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Club's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at their nominal amount as it has been determined that they are not materially different from their present value.

Contributions are made by the Club to employee superannuation funds and are charged to expenses when incurred.

(h) Revenue and other income

The Club recognises revenue when it transfers control over a product or service to a customer. Revenue is measured based on the amount of consideration expected to be received in exchange for the transfer of the good or service to the customer.

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Gaming machine revenue is recognised at the point of sale and represents the difference between the amounts earned through gaming wagers less the payouts from those wagers. Liabilities are recognised for anticipated payouts for progressive jackpots.

Revenue from membership subscriptions and marina fees are recognised on a straight-line basis over the financial year.

Other revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(h) Revenue and other income

Other revenue

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months, and bank overdrafts.

(j) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(k) Gaming Machine Rebate

The Club received a rebate to compensate the loss of gaming machine income due to the introduction of GST. The period which the rebate relates to is from 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023.

(l) Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(m) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

(n) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables, which have 14 day terms, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectable amounts.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(o) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised cost and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Club during the reporting period which remain unpaid at balance date. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(p) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Club.

Key estimates - impairment

The Club assesses impairment at the end of the reporting year by evaluating conditions specific to the Club that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

Lease term and option to extend under AASB 16

The lease term is defined as the non-cancellable period of a lease together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and also periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. The options that are reasonably going to be exercised is a key management judgment that the Club will make. The Club determines the likelihood to exercise the options on a lease-by-lease basis, looking at various factors such as which assets are strategic and which are key to the future operations of the Club.

(q) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Club assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Club where the Club is lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Club uses the incremental borrowing rate.

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(q) Leases

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentive;
- lease payments under extension options if lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are amortised over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest.

(r) Investments and other financial assets

i) Classification

The Club classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss); and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the Club's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

The Club is using the measured at amortised cost method for all its financial assets, namely trade and other receivables. Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

ii) Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Club commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Club has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

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(r) Investments and other financial assets

iii) Measurement

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income and impairment for expected credit losses are recognised in the profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

iv) Impairment

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) – forward looking – basis for all financial assets measured at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. The Club considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available, including both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Club's historical experience and informed credit assessment, including forward looking information.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Club in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

(s) Financial liabilities

i) Classification

The Club is using the measured at amortised cost method for all its financial liabilities. The financial liabilities of the Club comprise trade payables, bank loans and asset finance.

Liabilities measured at amortised cost are financial liabilities where the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

ii) Recognition and derecognition

The Club measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The Club derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Club's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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(t) New accounting standards and interpretations

The Club has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issues by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the Club.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the Club:

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Conceptual Framework)

The Club has adopted the revised Conceptual Framework from 1 March 2022. The Conceptual Framework contains new definition and recognition criteria as well as new guidance on measurement that affects several Accounting Standards, but it has not had a material impact on the Club's financial statements.

AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities

The Club has adopted AASB 1060 from 1 March 2022. The standard provides a new Tier 2 reporting framework with simplified disclosures that are based on the requirements of IFRS for SMEs. These simplified disclosures replace the Reduced Disclosure Requirements under AASB 1053 - *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards*.

The movement from the Reduced Disclosure reporting format to Simplified Disclosure format has not had a material impact on the presentation and disclosure of the Club's financial information.

(u) Authorisation of Financial Statements

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 24 April 2023 by the Directors.

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2 Revenue

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
- Trading revenue	3,695,113	2,571,161
Other revenue from contracts with customers		
- Membership subscriptions	140,330	78,621
- Regalia income	8,013	5,711
Total other revenue from contracts with customers	148,343	84,332
Total revenue from contracts with customers	3,843,456	2,655,493
Other revenue from ordinary activities		
- Rent received	257,877	161,354
- Rebate for GST on gaming machine duty	16,362	14,138
- Commissions received	8,208	6,608
- Other income	15,117	26,439
- Insurance recoveries	-	3,535
Total other revenue from ordinary activities	297,564	212,074
Other revenue from non-ordinary activities		
- State Government Small Business Grants	-	11,490
- State Government JobSaver	-	79,920
Total other revenue from non-ordinary activities	-	91,410
Total Revenue	4,141,020	2,958,977

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3 Interests of Key Management Personnel

The total remuneration paid to the key management personnel of the Club during the year is as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Key management personnel compensation	<u>199,572</u>	<u>163,184</u>

4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and on hand	<u>1,054,256</u>	<u>689,541</u>
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5 Trade and Other Receivables

CURRENT

Trade receivables	79,254	42,359
Other receivables	<u>20,000</u>	<u>12,686</u>
	<u>99,254</u>	<u>55,045</u>

6 Inventories

At cost

Trading stock on hand	55,513	49,109
Other stock on hand	<u>9,417</u>	<u>8,882</u>
	<u>64,930</u>	<u>57,991</u>

7 Other Assets

Prepayments	<u>123,612</u>	<u>107,601</u>
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8 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2023 \$	2022 \$
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS		
At cost	4,188,169	4,188,169
Accumulated depreciation	(1,178,697)	(1,007,839)
Total leasehold improvements	3,009,472	3,180,330
CAPITAL WORKS IN PROGRESS		
Capital works in progress		
At cost	187,585	1,532,492
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
At cost	2,595,783	2,450,683
Accumulated depreciation	(1,842,518)	(1,706,846)
Total plant and equipment	753,265	743,837
MARINA		
At cost	4,965,136	3,317,147
Accumulated depreciation	(1,426,928)	(1,300,202)
Total marina	3,538,208	2,016,945
Total property, plant and equipment	7,488,530	7,473,604

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Capital Works in Progress	Leasehold Improvements	Plant and Equipment	Marina	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of year	1,532,492	3,180,330	743,837	2,016,945	7,473,604
Additions	268,990	-	201,087	34,092	504,169
Disposals - written down value	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(1,613,897)	-	-	1,613,897	-
Depreciation expense	-	(170,858)	(191,659)	(126,726)	(489,243)
Balance at 28 February 2023	187,585	3,009,472	753,265	3,538,208	7,488,530

(b) Core & non-core property

As required by the Registered Clubs Act 1976 all Clubs are required to specify core and non-core property of the Club. As at 28 February 2023 the entire balance shown above in Leasehold Improvements and Marina is core property. For further disclosure of core and non-core property refer to page 3 of the financial statements.

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9 Right-of-use Assets

The Club's lease portfolio includes the Clubhouse land and Marina from Crown Lands. These leases have a term of 40 years. The Club also has a till system lease and a photocopier lease, both with terms of 5 years.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Leased Clubhouse Land and Marina	814,870	806,407
Accumulated amortisation	(150,403)	(127,327)
Leased Equipment	71,703	42,754
Accumulated amortisation	(31,802)	(16,388)
	<u>704,368</u>	<u>705,446</u>

(i) AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss

Amortisation change related to right-of-use assets	55,436	50,993
Interest expense on lease liabilities	35,546	35,779

(ii) Total future lease payments at the end of the reporting period

Future lease payments are due as follows:

Within one year	81,071	73,594
One to five years	293,684	275,996
	<u>374,755</u>	<u>349,590</u>

10 Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities:

Trade payables	182,784	120,516
Other payables and accrued expenses	39,760	51,858
GST payable	19,906	37,874
	<u>242,450</u>	<u>210,248</u>

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11 Borrowings

	2023 \$	2022 \$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities:		
Insurance loan	89,271	64,437
	<u>89,271</u>	<u>64,437</u>
Secured liabilities:		
Bank loan	-	32,393
Chattel mortgage	38,139	43,051
Finance lease	9,354	9,088
Equipment loan	18,325	17,511
	<u>65,818</u>	<u>102,043</u>
	<u>155,089</u>	<u>166,480</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Secured liabilities:		
Bank loan	2,110,651	1,971,334
Chattel mortgage	-	38,139
Finance lease	29,780	39,134
Equipment loan	60,322	78,647
	<u>2,200,753</u>	<u>2,127,254</u>
Total Borrowings	<u>2,355,842</u>	<u>2,293,734</u>
(a) Total current and non-current secured liabilities		
Bank loan	2,110,651	2,003,727
Chattel mortgage	38,139	81,190
Finance lease	39,134	48,222
Equipment Loan	78,647	96,158
	<u>2,266,571</u>	<u>2,229,297</u>

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11 Borrowings

(b) Security

The bank loan is secured by:

- First Registered Mortgage over Crown Land Leasehold Estate by LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB ACN 000 805 265 over Non Residential Real Property located at 9 Ada Street BELMONT NSW 2280.
- General Security Interest by LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB ACN 000 805 265 comprising: First ranking charge over All Present & After Acquired Property.

The goods loan, chattel mortgage, finance lease and equipment loan are secured by the actual assets purchased.

(c) Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Bank Loan Facility	384,920	409,367
Total	384,920	409,367

The Club refinanced the bank loan with a new facility limit of \$2,495,571. The loan balance at 28 February 2023 is \$2,110,651 and the unused portion is \$384,920.

12 Provisions

CURRENT

Employee benefits	114,996	115,681
Provision for annual trophies	11,213	5,802
	126,209	121,483

NON-CURRENT

Employee benefits	40,328	31,170
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13 Other Liabilities

CURRENT

Subscriptions in advance	70,531	72,697
Marina fees in advance	80,112	62,655
Other amounts received in advance	72,778	69,665
	223,421	205,017

NON-CURRENT

Subscriptions in advance	36,302	32,095
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14 Related Party Transactions

The Club's main related parties are as follows:

(a) Key Management Personnel of the Club

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Club, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Club, is considered key management personnel. Refer to Note 3.

(b) Other Related Parties of the Club

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel or their close family members.

Transactions and Outstanding Balances with Related Parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated. The following relationships and/or transactions occurred with related parties:

- Some Directors' related persons participate in the Club's sailing activities and are eligible to receive prizes under the same terms and conditions as other sailing members.

15 Capital and Leasing Commitments

(a) Finance lease, chattel mortgage & equipment loan commitments

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
- no later than 1 year	71,228	79,092
- later than 1 year	95,048	166,276
Minimum lease payments	166,276	245,368
Less: finance charges	(10,356)	(19,798)
Present value of minimum lease payments	155,920	225,570

In 2021, a chattel mortgage was in place for the purchase of equipment and a finance lease was in place for the CEO's vehicle. The chattel mortgage is due to expire in December 2023 and the finance lease has an expiry date of December 2024. In 2022, an equipment loan was entered into for new cafe equipment. This loan is due to expire in February 2027.

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15 Capital and Leasing Commitments

(b) Capital expenditure commitments

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Capital expenditure commitments contracted for:		
Kitchen renovations	650,000	-
Marina works	323,765	-
	<u>973,765</u>	<u>-</u>

16 Lessor Commitments

Operating lease commitments receivable - Club as lessor

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club leases out its restaurant facilities under a commercial license. This license has a term of 3 years expiring on 31 December 2023. Rental lease payments are determined based on restaurant turnover therefore the below calculation has been based on the previous 12 months as future turnover is unforeseeable.

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable leases are:

- no later than 1 year	214,898	176,023
- between 1 year and 5 years	-	146,685
Total minimum lease payments	<u>214,898</u>	<u>322,708</u>

17 Auditors' Remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor of the Club for:

- Audit of the financial report	15,000	15,000
- Other services	1,334	5,484
	<u>16,334</u>	<u>20,484</u>

2022-2023 Annual Commodores Report

It is pleasing to start this report without having to explain that COVID restrictions have had an effect on the Club's operations.

LMYC has had a very successful year not just sailing LMYC having won the RK Robertson Memorial inter-club Shield, for the first time in several years, as well as a LMYC yacht winning the best overall individual performance and LMYC yachts first in all but one division. It was also LMYC yachts that won the Lakefest best overall trophy and the She-Sails Tri-series.

Financially we had record takings across all income streams and total revenue. Sailing membership has increased with sixty-four new Sailing Members joining over the 2022-2023 year.

The board put together a Strategic Plan and although we still have some way to go with the youth sailing pathway we are working towards it. We are working with NCYC using their Sailing Academy and training boats, not just here on the lake but in Newcastle as well. We are also discussing with 'off the beach' clubs on the lake looking at getting a pathway developed to transition into keel boats.

The She-Sails program for promoting sailing to women is working and gaining support with eight new female Sailing members joining our club during the last year along. Not only are the female sailors adding to our sailing numbers many of them are younger bringing down the average age of our crews on some boats.

Stage two of the wave wall refurbishment is underway with the expectation that it will be completed within a few weeks from now. The Marina is filling up with, currently, only around ten empty pens.

The kitchen refurbishment is planned for May start. This is the only section of the club that hasn't had the floor replaced. We will still have kitchen facilities available from the café, although limited.

We are currently developing the plan and cost estimate for a new mast crane and work area capable of lifting masts from bigger yachts including Multihulls.

Although the channel has still not been dredged, I have had many meetings with State and local government regarding the channel. I must admit it is very frustrating but the current status is. State Government has committed to dredging and putting together a plan for a ten-year dredging schedule, it is however taking far too long to get underway. The Federal Government promised \$10m to LMCC to purchase a dredge, not to operate the dredge only to purchase the dredge. In discussions with LMCC they are putting a plan together with the aim of using those funds to install sand pumping system to transfer the dredged sand to Blacksmiths beach. As the sand is the biggest problem of the dredging project I am hopeful they can achieve this plan.

Following a suggestion and request from our Cruising Division, LMYC installed a courtesy mooring for the use of boats on the LMYC register. It is located on the south side of Wangi peninsula.

Looking forward the current Board has approximately \$1.2m committed to infrastructure improvements and maintenance of the existing Clubhouse and Marina. In the coming months the 2023-2025 board will review the strategic plan and start working to complete those items yet to be completed and start working towards delivering improvements to our club facilities for our members.

I take this opportunity to thank all board members for their dedication to our club and service on the board. I also thank the club management and staff and volunteers for their excellent service to our club.

I include below, attached to my Annual report, the Annual report from the Skipper of LMYC Cruising Division

Geoff Edman
Commodore LMYC
April 2023

2022-2023 – Annual Cruising Division Skipper's Report

The Cruising Division continues to show strong membership, with 99 boats on the current membership register, which is the same membership as at this time last year. We welcome all who have joined the Cruising Division over the last 12 months and extend our best wishes for the future to those who have not renewed membership. The last year has been the first year since 2020 where our activities have not been impacted by forced shutdowns due to COVID, so it has been great to have a full year of activities, including extended on lake cruises in October 2022 and March 2023. Both the extended cruises were well attended, with a mixture of on water and land activities allowing for those not able to be on the water to participate.

The situation in Swansea Channel continues to frustrate plans for trips out of the Lake, with the channel being closed to deep draft vessels since around October 2021. The department responsible for the dredging has made numerous statements about when dredging will happen, however, there seems to be no commitment to meeting these dates and infinite excuses as to why dredging does not occur.

Cruising Division finances are healthy and the Division was able to make a significant contribution to the Christmas Function and donations to Marine Rescue. An agreement was made with the LMYC whereby the Club and Cruising Division would jointly fund two club moorings on the lake. However, we were only able to obtain approval for one mooring, which has been installed on the Southern side of Wangi Wangi. The club has fully funded

this mooring and we thank the board for that. Funding remains available for the second mooring, and the second mooring can be re-visited at a future date.

The work of the Cruising Division cannot happen with-out the input of the members. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank all who have helped with the running of Cruising Division events. I would also like to thank the members of the Committee, it has been a great experience working with this Committee over the last two years, all members of the Committee have contributed to the running of the CD and meetings have been enjoyable with contributions welcomed from all. There will be significant turn-over in the Committee next year, with a new Treasurer, Secretary and Skipper. I ask that all members support the new committee as they settle in.

As well as the Committee we have members who willingly take on other roles including Cruiseletter editor – David Baker then Maureen Seysener, Supper Coordinators – Carolanne and Mark Clement; Raffle –Maureen Seysener; Aquatic Services Committee – Ross Shirtley and Tony Austin; Safety Officer – Chris Cahill; Boat Auditors – Tony Austin, Ross Shirtley, Hilton Jones, Phil and Eleanor Cunningham, Mark Clement. Thanks to you all!

The Cruising Division is part of the LMYC. For the last year Geoff Edman has again represented the LMYC Board on the Committee, and attended our members meetings. Geoff gives a great perspective on what it means to be part of the wider club, and the opportunities that this provides to the Cruising Division. Thanks to Geoff for his contributions, and advice, which is always appreciated.

Gordon Butler
Skipper – LMYC CD

2022-2023 – Annual Rear Commodores Report

Season Overview

2022/23 marks the 92nd season of racing at LMYC and the only year in the last three years that was not significantly impacted by Covid-19. We had 39 boats registered (7 boats in Division 1, 11 boats in Division 2, 10 boats in Division 3 and 11 boats in Division 4) in the Saturday Summer Season. The season produced some very close racing with the annual point scores not decided until the last race of the season. Similarly, to previous years, we scheduled twenty-six races with six RK Robertson races, six Windward Leeward (combined with WASC and RMYC), four Pulbah races (with RMYC), five Pursuit races and five Bay races. We were pleased that RMYC Toronto boats again joined us for a combined Pulbah Series over four races.

After the 2021/22 season the Sailing Committee has discussed at length the process for determining a boat's Divisional allocation. In previous years, the Sailing Committee has determined where a boat will race and it is clear this has been a source of discussion and some friction over several years. TCF had been used as the primary determinant for divisional allocation with arbitrary divisional cut-off points to try and balance the fleet across the divisions. The process created some anomalies and we had similar boats racing in different divisions. The Sailing Committee felt for competitive racing it is preferable to have boats of similar potential speed and size sailing together. We have also surveyed other clubs to understand how they cater to the varied boats undertaking club racing. What we found was many clubs had multiple small divisions where a boat nominates where it would like to race.

Following the evaluation and given we want to encourage more boats to sail where it is enjoyable and fair, the Sailing Committee has decided to change the process and we will ask boats to **nominate** for a Division based on Divisional Descriptions. In 2022/23, we had four Divisions –

- Division 1 – for the largest or fastest boats in the club who fly Spinnakers
- Division 2 Spinnaker – for medium size fast boats who fly Spinnakers
- Division 3 – for larger cruiser and cruiser racer style boats that want to sail non-Spinnaker or fly Spinnakers
- Division 3 – for the smaller boat that want to sail non-Spinnaker or fly Spinnakers

This was a significant change in the way Divisions are determined and while the process may need to be tweaked in time, there was wide support for the changes and most boat sailed where they wanted to. While most boats were positively impacted the downside was that we had a relatively small Division 1. A small fleet in Division 1 is not a new problem and has been around for many years. Without an influx of 35ft plus spinnaker boats or combining our Division 1 with other clubs then the problem of small fleets will continue. The lack of depth in the Swansea Channel also works against boat owners potentially buying larger Division 1 boats or boats coming from Newcastle to compete.

The trend of reducing boat numbers is a problem being experienced by us and many other yacht clubs and further highlights the need to make yacht racing more accessible. The Sailing Committee and the Board are well aware of the issue, and we have put in place strategies to create better pathways into yacht racing. The recent NCYC training program at club attracted 40 people who wanted to learn or improve their sailing skills. We have a strong alignment with NCYC and through collaboration with their Sailing Academy, we can both grow sailing in the area. Sailing Australia has also facilitated several meetings with other local sailing clubs and we now looking at ways to transition juniors into yacht racing via NCYC Sailing Academy. While there is still much to be done, we are working proactively to improve the number of sailors that regularly race at the club.

We were very active in promoting sailing to women and the She Sails initiative is an important strategy for the club. The Club Captain's report provides some more detail on She Sails. I would like to thank Eleanor Cunningham and her She Sails team for their efforts in promoting and encouraging women to regularly race at LMYC.

The Wednesday fleet remains very consistent through Winter and Summer season with 20 – 30 boats sailing most weeks in Summer and a few less in the colder months. We moved to two Divisions on Wednesday after the Winter Series and handicaps can now flow from one series to the next. The weather again played a part in Wednesday racing, with 4 races abandoned due to weather.

Friday Night twilight fleet were again consistent with previous years with 12 – 16 boats sailing most weeks. Friday nights remain a great pathway for people to try racing in a more relaxed atmosphere.

The annual boat owners survey was undertaken in April 2023 and overall the skippers, boat owners and crew are very supportive of how sailing is conducted at LMYC. Thanks to the fifty plus people who responded to our latest survey. There were some people who are not supportive and this provides an opportunity for us to improve in several areas, particularly in improving the pathways into racing at LMYC. There is some excellent feedback in the responses, which will assist the Sailing Committee as we plan future seasons. The results will be presented to Skippers, Boat Owners and crew in a meeting on 2 May 2023.

During the last season the club reintroduced the monthly newsletter "Forecast" and this has received great feedback and has been instrumental in improving communication with our sailing community. We also increased our presence on Social Media and significantly more photos and videos from on-water action were published. Both these communication initiatives were initiated by the Sailing Committee and have helped us improve the community profile of sailing at LMYC.

I like to thank the many volunteers that make our club work, in particular the Sailing Committee, the Handicappers, the Protest Committee, and the Course Committee. Every member of the Sailing Committee volunteers their time and wants to improve racing at LMYC. The racing team led by Ross Ahrens are an invaluable part of our Club and Ross makes my job as Rear Commodore much easier. A big thank you to Mick Schoevers, who re-handicapped the whole lake fleet again this year. The work that Mick and his team do every year ensures we have fair and competitive racing.

The Sailing Committee for 2022/23 was –

- Steven Ford (Chair)
- Ross Ahrens
- Mick Schoevers (Handicapper)
- Eleanor Cunningham (Club Captain)
- Mark Holmes (Director)
- Dale Sharp
- Gary Van Dijk (Director)
- David Young (Director)
- Sarah Gamble
- Mark Clement

Congratulations to the point score winners and placegetters. Detailed results for all racing can be found at <https://lmyc.com.au/race-results/>.

I would like to thank all skippers and crew that have sailed with us over last Winter and Summer Season. Thank you for your ongoing support.

International and National Sailing

Sydney to Hobart 2021

Well done to Richard Grimes and his 24-year-old twins Jessica and Tom and the crew of Hasta La Vista in the 2022 Sydney to Hobart. Hasta La Vista had a great race and finished 51st on Line Honours in 3:10:28:41, 8th in IRC Division 3 and 2nd in Sydney 38 Division. In a relatively quick race they arrived in plenty of time to celebrate New Year's Eve in Hobart.

Hasta La Vista is the winner of both Wal Russell Trophy and The Bosuns Trophy for 2022/23. Well Done.

Australian Adams 10 Championships

Congratulations to Tom Braidwood and the Backchat crew in winning the 2023 Australian Adams 10 Championships. A special mention to David Young and the Tenacity crew for their 4th place in this very competitive class.

NSW Adams 10 Championships

Congratulations to Tony May and Pater McNeil who crewed on Gezzbelle who won the 2022 NSW Adams 10 Championships.

Hunter Sailing League

NCYC held another Hunter Sailing League in 2023. Using the NCYC fleet of Elliots, sailing clubs competed against each other over a short harbour course. LMYC was represented by Chris Villa, Mark Holmes and Natalie Butterworth who finished 2nd in the regatta. After coming 2nd in the 'Hunter & Regional Sailing League', Nat, Chris & Mark competed in the 'NSW Sailing Champions League - FINAL' held at NCYC. They sailed 21 rigorous races over 2 days & came 4th. This enabled them to qualify for the 'Asia Pacific FINAL' being hosted by RPAYC in May 2023.

The winner of this event will represent Australia in the international final in Germany (July 2023) against 23 Sailing Leagues from around the world.

Flying 15's

Chris Villa and Mark Holmes took their Flying 15 "Up Ship Creek" to compete in the Flying 15 ACT Championships and the ACT Dinghy Championships and they won both of these Championships. Well done Chris and Mark.

Sponsors

I would like to make a special mention of our sailing sponsors for the season. These people support sailing, and if you can support them as well, that would be appreciated.

- Empire Marina (Previously known as Marmong Point Marina) (Wednesday Series/Corporate Sponsor)
- Buy'a'Boat (Bay Series)
- Crusoe's on the Lake (Pursuit Series)
- Stephen Pearson Electrical (Twilight Series)
- Hillier's Advisors (Lady Skipper Series)
- Lake Macquarie Moorings (Winter Series)
- JR Marine (RKR Series)
- Gerry Wubbel's Automatics (Combined Windward Leeward)
- Bella Group Services (Combined Pulbah Series)
- Adam's Family Meats (Club Supporter)
- Sticky Digital (Club Supporter)
- Cutcher & Neale (Club Supporter)
- Marine Outlet (Club Supporter)

It has been another great year at LMYC, and I look forward to the new season in 2023/24.

Steven Ford

Rear Commodore

2022-2023 – Annual Vice Commodore's Report

23rd April 2023

The 2022-2023 Sailing Season at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club has returned to normal after COVID, with both sailing and shore based activities being enjoyed by all. The additional Clubhouse facilities provided for sailors in the 2021-2022 season, including the dedicated "sailors only" bar and lounge areas, expanded deck seating and the café have all continue to be very well patronised by sailing members on race days.

Although there have not been as many obvious improvements to our Clubhouse facilities over the last 12 months, there are two projects identified in our maintenance plans that have now commenced construction. Both these items contribute significantly to the club's income, providing funds not only for building improvements but also sailing and other activities enjoyed by our members.

The first of these projects is Stage 2 of the new Marina refurbishment. These works include reconstruction of the southern walkway, with the introduction of additional piles, strengthened waler beams and upgraded wave attenuators, providing better protection for boats in the outer Marina berths. Once completed this will enable our Marina to reach its designed capacity.

The second project is the complete refurbishment of our decaying commercial kitchen. These works provide the opportunity to upgrade the floor structure (the area was excluded from the recent clubhouse rebuild), deliver finishes that meet current requirements, and to redesign the layout for improved efficiency of operations. Hopefully, this will assist in cutting down the wait time for patrons in the restaurant.

Relocation of the work berth to a deeper part of the marina and installation of a modern, higher reach mast crane is a project that is well advanced in the planning stages, and hopefully contracts will be awarded in the latter part of 2023. Both items will provide better facilities for the members of Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

Another infrastructure project being considered by the Board over the next 12 months is the extension of decking on the southwest corner of the clubhouse. This will provide space suitable for relocation of the sailing and function storage containers, and the opportunity to introduce additional shower and change facilities for sailing regattas. These changes could also permit a tidy up of the garbage storage area and free up 3 additional spaces in the carpark.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the other Board members, the General Manager, Staff and all Club Members who have all contributed to yet another successful year at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

***Vice Commodore
Peter Shaddock***



2022-2023 - Annual Club Captain's Report

I'm frequently asked, 'What is the Club Captain's role at LMYC?'

My take on defining what the role entails is that the Club Captain advocates for sailing members, represents them in various forums, is involved in club sailing & is committed to enhancing the sailing members' experience at LMYC.

Over the years, each Club Captain has defined the role differently, depending on their skill set.

My main foci have been to:

- Encourage & promote women's sailing.
- Instigate the collation of the club's historical documents & photographs into an organised archive.
- Invite interesting guest speakers to present at LMYC.
- Attend the LMYC Sailing Committee meetings to listen & learn and to stay in the loop.
- Contribute to the LMYC Facebook pages.

WOMEN'S SAILING

The Winter Series female crew initiative is coming up to its third season this year. Though most of the current crew for 2023 already sail competitively during the summer months, a number of these women developed their skills & confidence during previous winter sailing seasons. The majority of new crew members who commit to winter sailing, invariably go on to find crew positions in the Annual Pointscore & Wednesday racing. The formula seems to be working.

There were 32 female sailing members at LMYC in 2022 & there are 40 as of April 2023. An impressive 25% increase.



LMYC was fortunate to have access to NCYC sailing classes on Force 24's at Lake Macquarie this year. The sessions specifically tailored for women, had 8 attend. All but one expressed an interest in the winter sailing series.

NOTE: Junior sailing sessions were also conducted.

MEETINGS/FORUMS/REGATTAS

Over the last year I have:

- Attended online NSW SheSails monthly meetings (Antonia Patterson has also been the LMYC representative on occasion).
- Met & collaborated with SheSails representatives from WASC & RMYC Toronto to coordinate the 'Lake Macquarie SheSails Tri-Series' regatta.
- Assisted in organising the LMYC SheSails race for the above tri-series.
- Coordinated one crew for the Elliot 6's Women's Open November 2022 at NCYC.

NOTE: Three crews represented LMYC. They came 3rd, 4th & 7th in a field of 8.



LMYC Crews.

Clockwise from R front: Erin Duckworth, Grace Buchan, Nina Tolhurst (Knot Shore-3rd), Eleanor Cunningham, Jillian Nelson, Antonia Patterson, (Ajile-7th), Susie Wright, Natalie Butterworth, Katrina Killey (2 Seagals & a Chip-4th).

I also:

- Organised a display for women's sailing at LMYC (SheSails) at the 'Lake Macquarie Women in Sport' event. (Thanks to our representatives Jillian Nelson & Antonia Patterson as well as Emma Humphries from Australian Sailing).
- And represented LMYC at the Women Who Sail Australia (WWSA) 'Gathering on the Bay' (GOTB) conference at Nelson Bay prior to 'Sail Port Stephens'.

GUEST SPEAKERS

During the last sailing season, I invited the following guest speakers/coaches to present at LMYC.

- Hayley Outteridge - Women's sailing clinic (4 sessions).



- Lisa Blair- Antarctica Circumnavigation & Ocean Science Research.



- Wade Morgan- 'Belmont Bay to IMOCA'.



These nights were well attended & feedback was positive. It was especially rewarding to see so many LMYC Cruising Division members at Lisa Blair & Wade Morgan's presentations.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

I record the minutes & help plan the meetings & activities for this committee. Vice Commodore, Peter Shaddock is the chair.

The LMYC History Committee was formed before the Covid pandemic. The committee continues to meet as required.

Members regularly contribute articles of interest to the Forecast

'History Locker'. Special thanks to Jan Cummings, Peter Shaddock & Terry Carruthers.

The Cruising Division is ably represented in the History Committee by Ross Shirtley.

NOTE: The 'Cruiseletter' is already archived at Lake Macquarie Library. A great resource.

Currently, historical documents & photographs are being collated & scanned.

I have liaised with the archivists at Lake Macquarie Library for guidance & advice on archiving formats etc. We have been commended for the work done so far.

The ultimate aim is to have an online archive & to create a comprehensive resource by the 100th Anniversary of LMYC.

SAILING COMMITTEE

I have attended the Sailing Committee meetings during my time as Club Captain & have listened & learned from the wiser heads in the room. My contributions at the meetings have mainly focussed on women's sailing. I have also brought matters of concern to the meeting when asked to by sailing members of the club.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee meets as required. My role in this committee has been minor this last year. I assisted with Presentation Night logistics e.g. Organised sourcing & framing of winners' photographs. I also requested the purchase of a 'media wall' for the event. (Thanks Mark & Cordelia for designing etc.).

FACEBOOK POSTS

Those of you on FB will have seen my posts promoting sailing activities on the club page & also on the 'LMYC Sailing' page.

So, the Club Captain doesn't just put the flags up & take them down on race day - in fact the staff at the club often assist with this. The role varies, but promoting sailing & advocating for the sailors is at its heart.

I'm always happy to assist or represent LMYC sailors where I can. Please let me know.

Eleanor Cunningham

Club Captain & SheSails Representative for LMYC