

SUMMARY OF SAILABILITY SHORNCLIFFE ACTIVITIES 2023/24

SAILING ACTIVITIES

We have provided a sailing experience or ride on our pontoon boat for 903 clients this calendar year. There have been 23 operating days while 8 sailing days have been cancelled due to bad weather. Average number of clients per sailing day is 39, however we are seeing the numbers of disabled clients coming down each week grow substantially. In September and October we have seen in excess of 42 clients. The client numbers were significantly affected by the closure of our operations during the pandemic.

TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE

We have had 2 in house training days this year. Additionally we will be holding a first aid course within the next couple of months for 12 volunteers, and a second VHF communications course which will see 5 of our volunteers qualified.

Maintenance is an ongoing activity, however we always have a formal day in January to ensure our fleet of dinghies and power boats are functioning correctly.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

We have had a number of new volunteers join us in the last 12 months, but most significantly a new treasurer in Tamara Edmunds, who is a chartered accountant by profession. Tamara replaces Phillipa Bolt who was a volunteer/treasurer with us for 17 years. She resigned about 6 months ago but has now rejoined as a committee member.

GRANTS AND SUPPORTERS

We have been fortunate to acquire several grants in the last 12 months.

The Lord Mayors Charitable Trust has provided funds for around 60 new lifejackets. The Kedron Wavell Services Club has recently provided funds for training and 2 new sets of sails.

The Ubuntu Foundation and Building Approvals and Advice have donated funds for operational and volunteer activities.

Most recently Energex have joined us as a supporter and are funding safety and PPE equipment.

Additionally we have been active in approaching local suppliers for support .For Example, Deagon Bulk Meats supply all our sausages for our operating days, Woolworths provide a \$50 voucher every month, and Night owl Fitzgibbon provide our bottled water. These all take costs out of our operating costs.

In appreciation of the support we receive from all of our supporters we are holding our inaugural Corporate Supporters Day on the 26th November 2024.

In May of this year we were granted \$25000 from the Gaming Community Benefit Fund which funded our new tractor, enabling us to move our power boats and dinghies to the ramp for launching. This did away with the reliance on volunteers four wheel drives. We had a very successful launch of the new tractor in May.

WEBSITE

The updating of our website has been a major project throughout the year. Through the efforts of Donna Wenham, we are now the envy of all Sailability locations, as it looks fantastic. Not only looks good, but has a lot of policy procedures and risk management sections on the site.

QCYC

Finally we could not operate without the ongoing support of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club and the unique facilities they provide. We feel and know there is a special connection between our organizations and we feel privileged to be associated with the Club, and are grateful for all that it does for Sailability Shorncliffe.

Peter Kearney

Vice President

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