



Hi all,

Once again, after the impacts of Covid for two seasons prior, it was another very challenging year for club operations. This time it was mother nature who decided to wreak havoc resulting in very few fine weekends for visiting boaties to the club. Storms and then Cyclone Gabrielle took out power to the island for weeks at a time, so even when the weather improved the bistro was unable to open. This was incredibly frustrating and disappointing to our bistro operators, and devastating to income and operating costs, which in turn affected the club's income as well. We farewelled Davo and Robyn in early March when it became impossible for them to continue operating. I personally had the most incredible two seasons working at the bistro to help fill the staffing shortage and they are memories I'll never forget.

But all good things come to an end, and it's time for a new chapter for both them, and us. We are very fortunate to have secured new licence operators Daniel Ivil and Renee Young, renown for their great food and management at Sandspit Yacht Club. As locals I know they will continue to extend that unique island hospitality which makes a visit to Kawau Boating Club a very special one.

We now re-focus on rebuilding the membership after these difficult years and welcome both new members and returning. With renovations always taking longer and costing more than you ever expect in the current climate, it is now more important than ever to support the club so we can complete this work, attract visitors and business back into Bon Accord Harbour, and retain this iconic piece of Kawau history so that we can all return again and again to our collective "happy place".

I am convinced we have many more great years to come if everyone hops on board. Donations, sponsorships, and ideas for events and fundraising are always welcome.

I have enjoyed my time as Club Captain and am happy to put my hand up again for another trip around the sun in this role.

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