



KBC NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2019

Bon Accord Bar & Bistro Team and The Kawau Boating Club

Crikey, beginning of March already! What a summer.....the best weather on record for us here at the club. Only one `cyclone' warning last weekend which did mean we had next to no visitors due to the forecast. Other than that we have had wonderful busy weekends and mid week evenings. Dinners with the Kawau sunset over Mahurangi are to die for this time of year and are a spectacle for our guests.

As is the food produced by our resident Chefs Tony Kabiro and Kiera Sleeman. Guests have enjoyed our expansive menu this season with more variety and great flavours. Next visit try Tony's African Black Sausage meal served with a corn and black bean mash and coriander dressing. Tony has been working with local Warkworth Butcher Rob to perfect the black sausage recipe (a Nairobi specialty).

Our staff numbers have dropped, now leaving us with a core team of Olivia, Janice, Helen, Sam and Tam (covering weekends). What a bonus to know that we will most likely have the same team back next year! Including our World Stand Up Paddle Board qualifier, Heather Niccolls. We wish her well!

Waste Reduction

We continue to make a difference to the environment and, our costs, by reducing waste in the following ways – two resident pigs enjoy our food waste which is separated at the club and our bottle crusher which creates sand from all our bottles. This will in turn be used to make pavers and slabs. Rubbish is burnt in our certified burner. So only plastic is now carted ashore on a weekly basis.

Water

After a shortage post the Christmas rush we are all back to normal now with the water. Strategies are now in place to ensure we will avoid a water shortage next year. From 1 March wharf water will be free for KBC and RNZYS members (on production of membership cards) at a rate of 4 min per fill (approx. 180L). Non members may be issued with water at \$20 per 4 mins (an increase from \$5 - making your membership more valuable!)



Kawau Boating Club Branded Products

A new run of T-Shirts has arrived in the last 4 weeks. If you would like to order any of these, or the Kawau Boating Club white cap please order online and we will post out to you.

Rob's Clothes Shop

The last of this seasons' items are now on display. Thanks to everyone who has enjoyed a wee shopping spree with the fabulous Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese range! We are looking forward to our next buying trip mostly based in Italy this year.



Events

Music in the Gardens and RNZYS Squadron weekend went very well with a much welcomed fine weather weekend. Theming of the annual Squadron weekend 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' was amazing and the Kawau Boating Club enjoyed a busy weekend of breakfasts and coffees for party goers. We were very happy to provide our house made pizzas as a pre dinner snack for the squadron party (always available as takeaways by the way!).

March sees the return of our 3 big annual fishing competitions – Camp Kawau Fishing Club, 2nd March, WISC (World Invitational Snapper Competition), 9th March and the NZ Fire Service Fishing Comp 20th March.

Route 66 racers called in on the return from Marsden Cove, our lovely gents will be calling in on the

return from Arid Island and our affiliated clubs will be holding their individual club get togethers here at the club before the end of the season.

As always Sandspit YC are frequent and wonderful supporters of the KBC!

We have plenty of diary spaces free for large functions and group get togethers. If you are interested in discussing your work function or family get together give us a call. Robyn and David also have accommodation available in a comfortable cabin which sleeps 4 if your need back up accommodation.



Squadron Weekend - face masks from Robyn's treasure trove!



Early hours of Squadron Weekend



Table Sponsorship

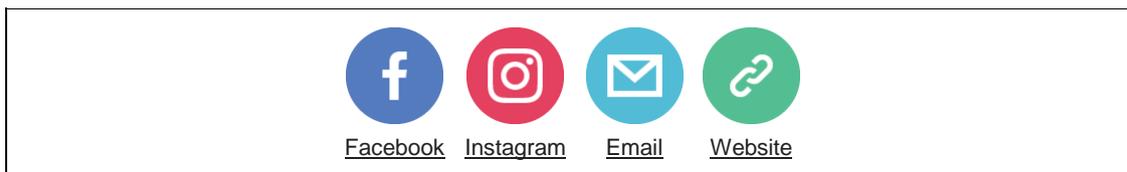
Thanks to the sponsorship of several members our deck tables made by Trevor Ready have been a huge asset to the club. New plaques have been mounted at the end of the tables and we thank the sponsors and other members who have kindly donated to the club over the past years.

Promotions/Advertising

We take this opportunity to thank Piers Barney, Hauraki Express and Auckland Seaplanes for their continued promotion and advertising of Kawai Boating Club as a venue. Also all the fishing boat chaps who frequent the club for a late burger and beer!

Advertising is a necessary cost to any business however your word of mouth is the best! If you don't already use it – sign up to our active Facebook page (Bon Accord Bar & Bistro) which we keep up to date

with current news and photos. Also Instagram. The KBC website is operated by the club and is updated frequently as well, however the FB page is more current if you are wanting day-to-day info.



Enquiries – Moorings - Reservations

Please call the club directly for mooring bookings (rather than text Robyn or David) as the booking diary is held at the club. We also welcome dinner bookings now that the season has quietened down – especially mid week. Note that the club may close early if super quiet so give us a call if you are coming in.

Hours

From 1 April the Club will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday (and probably Thursday later in the season). Mid week opening will be 10am. Weekends still 9am until late. Last day of the season is Monday 3 June 2019.

From all of us here at the Bon Accord Bar & Bistro and Kawau Boating Club – THANK YOU – it has been an amazing, fun, friendly season so far with lots of new faces and of course our regulars returning for a good old catch up.

Important News Flash from KBC Committee

It is with much delight that we can inform you of the pending delivery of our much anticipated pontoon. Total Marine has now confirmed that we can expect delivery and installation of it during the last week of March.

If you are planning on visiting during that week there may be a little disruption and we apologise for any inconvenience in advance. We are sure that access to the club will not be impeded at all.

We are still in negotiations regarding 24/7 fuel and will keep you posted on progress.

The committee convened for the first meeting of the year on the 27th February and are currently working on our winter maintenance programme for 2019.

It is also with great pleasure that we have welcomed Mike Mahoney to our committee. Mike is an avid boatie/yachtsman, owner of the 29m ketch

Tawera and also the classic Moerangi 1. We are sure that Mike will bring a wealth of knowledge and assistance to the table.

Kind regards from your committee

Trevor Ready

Chairman KBC

