

## Kawau Boating Club

Season ended 31 July 2021

### Chairman's Report

With so many uncontrollable distractions in 2021, it's harder than usual to highlight the milestones and achievements of KBC in the past season. If I reflect for a moment and dial back to 2014, we owe a huge debt of thanks to the founding members.

With the benefit of hindsight, the vision of the KBC founders in 2014 was remarkable. The Club had failed but due to drive, commitment and probably a tonne of stubbornness by the founders, we are fortunate to have KBC as we know it is today.

KBC in 2020, clearly ticks the boxes, - a thriving Club for members, a facility, store, and fuel for the boating public and a community centre for locals. By comparison of those early, uncertain years, the role of the current Committee is much simpler- maintenance of an aging building and facilities, liaising with RNZYS flag officers and management, maintaining and growing memberships.

Where will KBC be in 5 years or 10 years?? What do members and stakeholders want from the facility. We must consider

1. The property is owned by RNZYS and KBC has a lease – what is RNZYS vision for the property. At one time, the property was marketed for sale. RNZYS are understandably, very content with the current position but they have ambitious plans themselves to develop a training facility on their Kawau land which will only compliment the current KBC facilities
2. Does KBC have a role in the future – or are we simply maintaining and administering the property for the RNZYS?
3. Does KBC do enough for members, the boating community and Kawau Island residents?
4. Should KBC actually function as a Club – with more events- especially boating or are members happy with the status quo
5. KBC Lease with RNZYS and in parallel the KBC License with Bon Accord Bar and Bistro ( Davo and Robyn Lee) expires in 2023. The bones of a new Lease has been agreed (subject to final sign off by respective parties). I'm sure, I can confirm on behalf of members our sincere thanks to Davo and Robyn for 8 years of commitment to the Bistro. From the outside looking in the business looks like an utopian lifestyle, but the challenges they face with Covid shut downs, storms, staffing issues, etc etc are every day. We are deeply indebted to their commitment and passion to the KBC and Kawau island Community

Davo , Robyn and team are the back bone of KBC and essentially, the reason the Club functions – I'd like to see their tenure extended with the new lease and while we know they won't be there forever, KBC need to support them, their business and the goodwill they have created.

The KBC Committee needs feedback from members. The quantitative aspect of the Club is easy- maintaining buildings, systems, electrical, sewerage, jetty safety, liaising with Squadron and Bistro but the qualitative aspect is a more difficult aspect- at times we are a ship without a rudder- it's difficult to determine what members actually want in the Club . Recent correspondence, members would have read, show the passion some have to keeping KBC as a simple Kawau Island facility-other views differ, suggesting the Club needs to progress with events= fishing events, yacht races, art shows, a Spring ball etc etc.

My opinion is, that unless the Club progresses and responds to the wishes of the majority of members, then I struggle to see the reason for membership at all , other than acknowledging that perhaps the membership subscription is in fact just a donation to a community facility – even if it is a very special facility.

I look forward to hearing views at the AGM

Finally, I huge debt of thanks to Jon Whisker- Club Captain, Annette Ridder – Secretary /Treasurer, Bryn Sutherland – House Maintenance, Tom Coote Membership , Scott Wilson General Committee and Hugh Gladwell Solicitor. This small team keeps the momentum going and get through a power of tasks all for the benefit of members

Regards

Mike Mahoney

Chairman

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