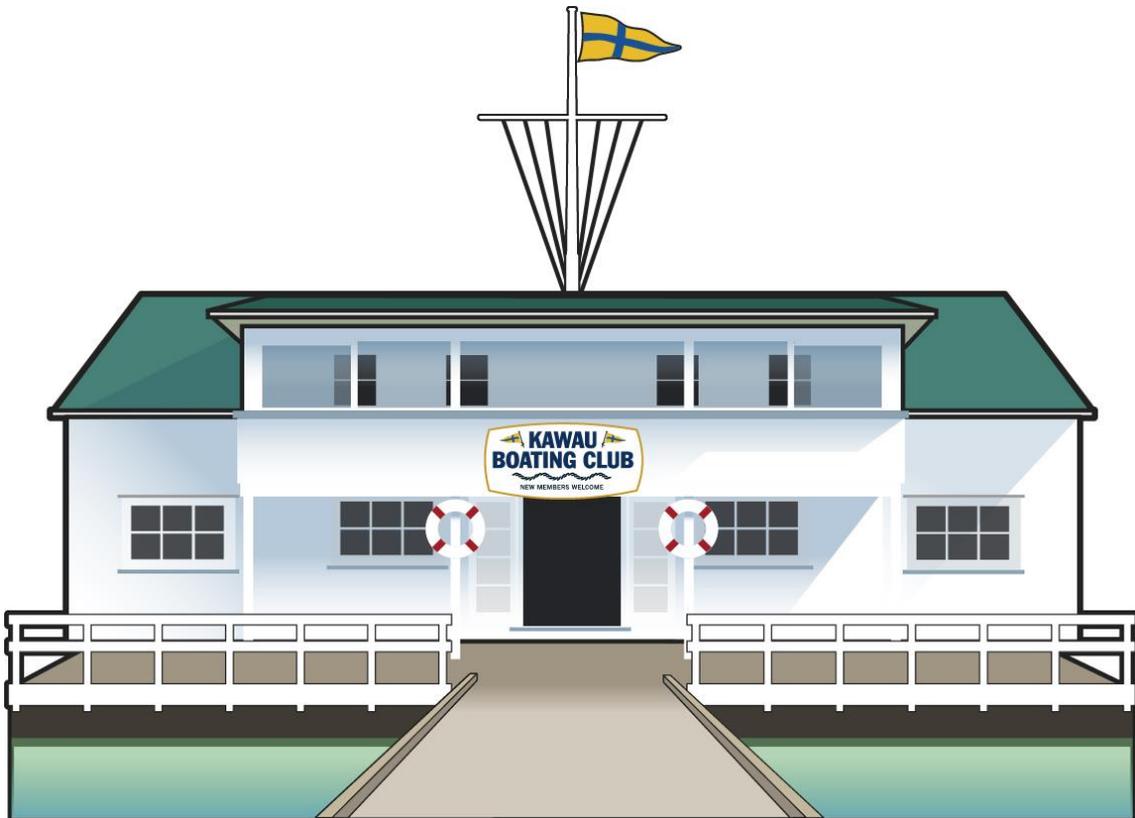


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UPDATE: 26 May 2015

Last chance.....come enjoy your club at Kawau.

After a great summer, with great weather (thank you Huey), food, service (thank you Robyn, Davo and crew) we have come to the end of the season and will be closing the Club for winter on the evening of Sunday 7 June.

Fortunately, if the 7-day forecast is to be believed, Huey looks to be helping out yet again with a big high centred over the North Island for Queens Birthday Weekend. So rug up and come up/out to KBC to help end the season on a high.

We realise that winter closure is a bit of a downer, particularly for Island residents but there is some serious upgrading work to be done in the clubhouse (see below). We are however working on a plan to make fuel available on a limited basis through winter but like everything to do with fuel, it's complicated.

Our favoured option is a 24 hour card swipe system which we are trying to organise in conjunction with local boating clubs. We will advise members as soon as this is resolved one way or the other.



If you are a Facebook user you can keep up-to-date about fuel and other activities by searching for the *Kawau Island Boating Club* or click on the logo to the left to follow us and receive up-to-date information, photos and news which Robyn posts regularly!

But the Club won't be closed for long....

So note– *Sail to Kawau for Labour Day - on your calendar.* Help us launch the spring 2015 season with *Labour Day at KBC*. We're opening on the weekend of October 9/10. Davo and Robyn will be resting up in the sun this winter and will be rearing to go. They already have plans underway for party time at Labour Weekend to match or better the re-opening in 2014. As of now, we know of two different Club regattas planned for that weekend so there should be lots of fun both on and off the water.

Thank you for your support.....

As we've said many times, KBC will only survive with the support of its members. Our membership numbers are heartwarming. By the end of the season we had almost double the number compared to the old Kawau Island Boat Club. More than two dozen yacht club events were hosted at the KBC, including regattas, fishing competitions and several birthday parties. Comments remarking on the friendliness encountered at the Club have appeared worldwide including this article from [Cruising World Magazine](#) in the USA.

An early Easter with good weather created plenty of activity at the Club.



Above is a nice pic of the Easter Egg hunt organised by Robyn Lee.



The above pics are from the Anzac Day Commemoration organised by Jill Hetherington and Robyn. More than 150 people attended. John Duder did a fine job of leading the ceremonies and young Luke Whitehouse brought tears to everyone's eyes as he read from his grandfather's WWI diary (thanks to all of you.)

The old Kawau Island Yacht Club has been formally disbanded. The RNZYS arranged to transfer the remaining assets of the KIYC to us.

We have also received very generous donations from OPAK (the organisers of the highly successful Music in the Park in February) KIRRA, Kawau Bookworms, Devonport YC, Richmond YC, Sandspit YC and Ponsonby CC and several private donors. Thanks to all of you.

A portion of the funds from Music in the Gardens was earmarked for a portable Public Address system which is now at the KBC. It is available for prize giving presentations, for ANZAC day and any other event held at the club or elsewhere on the island by Kawau organisations.

There are significant up-grade plans under way for next year. First is a major overhaul of the water system by RNZYS. This won't mean unlimited supply but will avoid the problems we had around New Year. They will also be inspecting and upgrading the electrics in the Boat Club building as much of the wiring is more than 45 years old.

The committee is currently working out how to best use funds on hand to make improvements. Those being considered include upgrades in the bar/bistro area which we hope will reduce the log-jams at the bar in busy times, further improvements to the ablution block and French doors leading from the current library room to reduce congestion near the main door of the club.

Likewise fuel supply facilities will be better, but just how much better will depend on negotiations currently underway and available funds. The petrol pump that was causing problems has already been replaced.

We will be organising the first KBC Annual General Meeting in spring, when everyone's thoughts start to turn to boating again! We hope many of you will attend, add your thoughts on making and keeping the KBC the friendliest club in New Zealand and maybe even put your hand up to serve on the committee. We're sure members will be pleased to learn the Foundation Committee has already resolved to recommend that subs not be increased for the 2015/16 season.

Get Your Event on the calendar for 2015/2016....

As you'd expect with revitalisation of membership, clubs as well as individuals are using the club more. To avoid double-ups, if your club is thinking of having a Kawau-based event in 2015/6, please contact us on clubhouse@kawauboaingclub.nz. Robyn Lee will co-ordinate this calendar.



And keep in touch with what is going on at the KBC by checking out our Facebook page at *Kawau Island Boating Club*.

In conclusion....

This has been a fantastic start for KBC, thanks to member support, hard work by many volunteers, and the crew at the KBC.

Thanks to you all.

We look forward to 2015/16 being even bigger and better.
