



The Acapella Choir at our Conference Dinner on Saturday, 11th March.



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Inspire, Include, Influence.

After the May edition of AHOY, we have received further photos from the March Conference which may give a more inclusive picture and reminder of this inspiring conference.

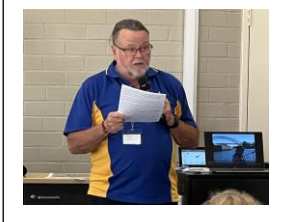
Gareth Wilson from Sailability Central West introducing his branch and talking about the plan for the Conference:



Mark Lorenti from the Office of the Childrens Guardian opening up the conversation about the 10 Child Safe Standards and how we need to create and develop this culture into our future.



One of the break out groups discussing the Policies in the 10 Child Safe Standards.



Terry Breen from Rushcutters Bay talking about the Financial Management Document.



John and Kellie Price enjoying the Conference Dinner.

News from the Branches.

Bateman’s Bay Branch

Finding a home for Sailability Batemans Bay

by Tish Ennis

“We must find a home for these people!” - I was so pleased to hear that declaration from Mathew Hatcher, our newly elected Mayor of Eurobodalla. His unexpected visit, together with Councillor Amber Schultz (a long-term supporter of Sailability both in Batemans Bay and previously at Belmont) was at our evening sail, “Test the Waters” This was an exploratory session on the Moruya River in February 2022. My husband Michael and I had previously sailed on this water and wanted to explore the possibility of moving Sailability activities to this base after identifying the benefits of this site. For a successful sailing venue we need people, water, boats a jetty, launch ramp, space preferably on grass with good viewing of the sail area, wheelchair

accessible toilets and good car parking, It also had cafes nearby, pointed out with great enthusiasm by our Treasurer, Tony.

I first became associated with Sailability Batemans Bay in 2010, having visited many different Sailability groups in NSW, around Australia and overseas in previous years. I was amazed by the determination of the team at Batemans Bay to facilitate sailing for everyone despite having to load the boats and other equipment off and on trailers on each sailing day. Since 2003, Sailability Batemans Bay had launched from the beach on the north side of the bridge over the Clyde River A short distance upstream from this was an old shed and a broken-down jetty. With hopes to have a permanent base, we were able to obtain the lease for this site in 2015 and dreamt of a new pontoon and a storage shed. Alas, the local residents made multiple objections to our development application. Meanwhile, plans were afoot to replace the bridge at Batemans Bay so in 2017, we moved our sailing operations to further up the river to Nelligen.

At this new site, Eurobodalla Shire Council supported us to have a mount made for the C Crane on the jetty, and we were able to accommodate our less able sailors much more effectively. However, every sailing day we still had to tow and pack our boats and equipment from the Marina at Batemans Bay. We are thankful to the Marina who have provided secure storage for a number of years. December 2019 and January 2020, all our activity was put on hold whilst the South Coast was engulfed by bushfires - it was with much relief that we were able to be back on the river for a short time in March. We enjoyed our time at Nelligen but here too, road improvements were planned. The old concrete bridge was to be replaced and once again, our sailing activity was curtailed; this time by COVID. As restrictions were eased, work began on bridgebuilding in earnest and our sailing space began to shrink. The car parking area was rapidly filled by the construction crews Time to look for a new sailing venue and, hopefully a permanent covered storage space.

As some of our sailors come from the Special Needs Classes at Narooma and others come from Batemans Bay, the Town Wharf at Moruya has proved a very good site. The local council quickly approved the installation of a C Crane Mount on the jetty and identified a corner inside the swimming pool complex close to the boat launch ramp. We have been able to fence this area off and plans are well underway to have a large shed constructed We are fortunate to have the experience of our President, Peter Glen and our Maintenance Officer Mark Durnan to help with planning and construction. The shed will be large enough to store our fleet of 5 x303s on launch trolleys, almost fully rigged, and have a couple of 2.3s resting upright should our fleet require them. Our support boat will also have undercover storage. All doorways will be wheelchair accessible. We have our fingers crossed that the shed will be completed by the end of September 2023 for the start of our sailing season. Our team of volunteers deserve to have a party after 20 years of lifting boats on and off trailers every sailing day!

For our more competitive sailors, we have joined with Batemans Bay Sailing Club and have 2 X303s stored in their facility at Coila Lake and compete in Open class dinghy racing.

PS A new bridge is to be built at Moruya but so far, the plans show that it will be constructed further downstream from our sailing area, and there has been no word of demolition for the old bridge. We may be third bridge lucky!!!

Congratulations, Sailability Moruya, and thank you for your continuing resilience, determination and foresight in planning for Sailability to continue on the South Coast.



Matt Hatcher at Moruya.



Bateman's Bay with the old bridge in the background.



Old site at Nelligen.

Some Facts from Jack Hunt, compiler of information about Sailability NSW branch information.

Have you ever wondered what we do with the information received from branches at the end of every second month? It is only with this information that we can plan programs and projects for the future. The final Bi-Monthly Branch Figures are now in for May/June, 2023. Congratulations to all branches that sent this information through Jack.

There are 10 Branches operating through Winter.

The 10 operating branches are:

Tweed, Northern Rivers, Belmont, Pittwater, Manly, Middle Harbour, Rushcutters Bay, Shoalhaven, Cronulla, Port Stephens.

These operating branches have a total of 122 new members.

They ran a combined total of 62 events, with 35 groups involved, and a total of 480 people having fun on the water.

Manly reports one regatta, but no numbers of people attached to this information. Perhaps they are included in the 480 people? So these figures are not entirely accurate, but give us a good approximation of what is happening throughout our branches.

The next bi-monthly reports are due in September, involving figures for July/August.

Some branches will still be in their Winter shut-downs, but it will be interesting to see how many sailing occasions we have had. Please fill in these reports as soon as they are received in September, 2023.

Proposed succession planning for Sailability NSW Exec.

Hopefully, Sailability NSW Branches will have all of their 2022-2023 Annual Financial Statements in to Paul Tayler as requested before the end of August. If this happens, we will be holding our Annual Election of Officers for the coming year at our AGM, sometime in November, or early December. Please endeavour to send these Financial Statements to Paul Tayler now if you have not already done so.

There will be some changes in our Executive Committee this year as the tasks demanded of a Committee have become much more complicated as we move through the years. Policies need to be written for the first time, updated, or simply better managed to enable us to keep up with our Charitable Status. There will be more positions to fill, and more work done to enable us to keep our current status.

We will need to:

Continually update our current policies and create new ones as the world changes around us.

Create a newsletter which will be delivered regularly and on time.

Ensure that all current Child Safety Standards are being met. Help to deliver the training required as the Modules come through from the Office of the Children's Guardian.

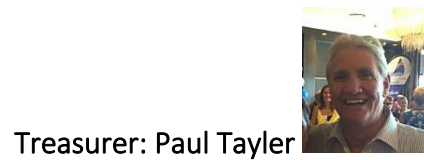
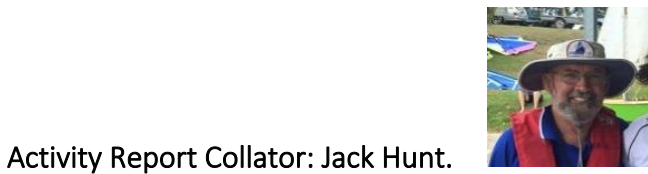
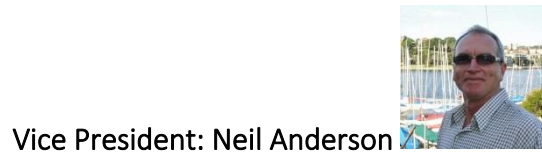
Ensure that we have a working website that will mirror our changes and update people with information.

To this end, we are looking to create a succession plan that will ensure a successfully developing regime of planning and carrying out these plans.

Our Election of Officers that will take place in just a few weeks from now will reflect these changes. If you have any thoughts of improving the Services of Sailability NSW, or would just like basic improvements, like the one that Paul Tayler has spent 3 years fighting for, which was the Electronic Banking System, please be prepared to put your name down for one of these positions. It takes a little bit of time, a large amount of effort, and will be worth it in the end to ensure that we can continue along these lines.

We will need: A person to look after current and developing policies; A person to take over the collating of Sailability NSW AHOY; a person to help branches with the demands created by the collection of Working With Children Data, as well as the training for the Child 10 Safe Standards. Please let the committee know if you would like to assist with any of these. (Sue Hunt, jacknsue@bigpond.com).

Meet the Current Sailability NSW Executive.



Planning for new Web-site.

