

Dear Members,

Thank you to the many Members who have offered support and encouragement during this ever-evolving situation. Your positive feedback has meant a great deal to me in these challenging times.

I would like to acknowledge all our Members and Staff for adhering to the restrictions that have been put in place around the Club. Many of these cause great inconvenience but they were measures we had to implement to ensure the health and safety of our Club community. This is, and will remain, our priority.

It is important for you all to continue abiding by the Government regulations. With your cooperation and observation of these, we're able to remain open as a Club and provide a safe space where you can relax and pursue your love of sailing. Please note, however, that the BBQ area has been closed.

As the Government announces further updates, we will need to adhere to these and respond accordingly. We have already made significant changes in the administration with two staff members working from home. These measures are working well and our current technology is allowing us to continue with our work and, most importantly, remain connected as a team.

We understand this is a difficult time for all Members and staff, many of whom may be left without work. We have made arrangements for all of our staff to reduce their hours so that we can ensure continuity of employment for the time being. We will continue to support our staff, and Members, through these challenging times. We are determined to emerge as a strong and positive Club once this pandemic is over.

In line with these staff reductions, the Office will be working on shortened hours and will be staffed from 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday. The clubhouse will be closed on weekends until further notice. Should you have any issues please call me on my mobile on 0402 001 884.

With the reallocation of staff, we are working on replacing Members' mooring lines in the marina. The General Committee has decided to absorb the cost of replacing the mooring lines so we can provide a safer marina while keeping staff employed. If any Members are available to assist and volunteer some time to help splice mooring rope, please contact the office.

As with most businesses, COVID-19 is heavily impacting our financial position and this will continue for many months. We have already contacted Parks Victoria and requested rent relief as per the 'Economic Survival Package To Support Businesses And Jobs' announced by the Premier on 21st March 2020.

As a community, we need to work together to support our Club. If you are in a position to support the Royals Foundation, we strongly encourage you to do so. You can make a tax-deductible donation [here](#). Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated and will have a positive effect on the health of our Club.

As the final race of the Tripe & Onions Series has been abandoned, we are pleased to announce the following winners. Congratulations and well done to everyone who participated!

Division 1. SHORE THING – Robin Warlord

Division 2. MAGIC – Richard English

[View full results](#)

We look forward to resuming racing as soon as it is safe to do so.

I would like to thank you all again for your assistance and cooperation to date. We will keep you informed of updates as they happen, and I wish all our Members well during these unprecedented times.

Stay healthy and take care.

Michael Neumann
General Manager