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## **The Official Publication of the Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc)**

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### **Vision**

NYC will be a vibrant, sustainable, responsible and family oriented sailing club encouraging juniors and families into the sport, teaching people to sail or improve sailing skills from juniors to world class sailors.

### **Aims**

To be a sailing club, with a balance of sailing and social members, and a mix of fleets that supports people to progress to stages of development from beginners to world class sports people.

To be recognised as the premier off the beach sailing club in the Perth metropolitan area, who can boast friendly members committed to the NYC environment.

To be a well-managed and financially sound club with a membership base of 600 – 800 people.

To be recognised as a club with a culture of volunteerism and social belonging leading to excellent standards of sailing competitiveness and behaviour.

### **What we value**

A unique culture exhibiting modesty and pride in the club.

A spirited, diverse and actively contributing membership.

Respect for difference of opinion, and willingness to listen.

A competitive and sportsmanlike racing culture.

A club open to all ages, abilities and welcoming to newcomers.

Providing a quality recognised program of sailing development.

Care for our surroundings and environment.

Financial security and sustainability.

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Welcome to the summer edition of Mainsheet publication. As you will be aware we have a Special General Meeting on 9 December 2018 to ratify our amended Constitution before it is submitted to the regulatory bodies for their approvals and implementation prior to July 2019. I would like to thank all those members that have already taken the time to read the Constitution and proposed changes as well as providing valuable feedback.

Whilst we will address the changes to the Constitution in more detail at the Special General Meeting I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the current proposed changes to meet legislation versus a much needed general refresh of the Constitution. In reading the Constitution you will immediately notice the not so subtle male dominated wording "his" "he" etc and while this may have been considered acceptable when the club was originally formed in the 1960's it certainly does not reflect community values, inclusion and diversity of our club in 2018. The Management Committee determined that the first priority was to meet our legislation requirements and once this had been successfully achieved to then undertake a refresh of the constitution and associated documents such as the Club By-Laws including adopting gender neutral terms and a number of other changes worthy of consideration. One of the benefits that we are seeing is renewed interest from our members in Club's operational documents and we welcome your input into these documents so that they remain relevant and representative of our values. Following the Special General Meeting and ratification of the legislative required changes we will engage with all members to develop a refreshed Constitution in readiness for the 2019 AGM.

I am pleased to announce that Tam Christie has nominated and been accepted by Management as our new Club Treasurer. Tam is being well supported by Brian Wooller and Graham Cuckow as she rapidly comes up to speed with the role. Tam is a qualified accountant with her own accounting practice which she runs with

her husband Mark, with both being regular volunteers at the club on a Sunday. Tam has also previously performed the role of Treasurer with another sporting club. We welcome Tam to the Management Committee and congratulate her on accepting the role of Treasurer at NYC.



Whilst it is still early days our new office structure, which includes a membership representative and office coverage on a Sunday, is proving to be invaluable in managing our operations when the majority of our members are at the club - Sunday. In addition the coverage allows a seamless integration back into the

weekday operations and is certainly assisting in closing many of the gaps between sailing activities involving our members and necessary administration.

Thank you to our team of mid-week volunteers who took advantage of the very low tides in early November to install the remaining concrete matting as well as repair our existing ramp adjacent to the Jetty. Great to see both jetties being well used particularly on a Sunday race day.

Safety - safety in all activities that are conducted at the club is our highest priority and everyone plays their part in continually improving safety awareness, processes, and procedures. We have had a number of Incident Reports submitted to the office and OOD's over the first half of the season, which highlights a

number of opportunities of improvements but most importantly highlights that our members and volunteers understand the importance and value of reporting such incidents. Incident Reports provides the Club with essential information that will assist in ensuing similar or related incidences can be eliminated or mitigating measures put in place. Incident Reports are located on the Management Representative desk on a Sunday and can be requested from the office during weekdays. Please continue to keep safety at the forefront with all of your activities whether they be at home, work or at the Club.

And finally I would like to wish all of our sailors representing NYC at upcoming local, state, national and world championships all the very best and a special mention to the Ashwood family who have been training hard for the Mirror World Championships in Sydney.

See you down at our great club.

Gavin Taylor

Commodore

A festive poster for NYC's Christmas Dinner. The background is white with a border of green pine branches and red Christmas ornaments. The text is centered and reads:

**NYC's  
Christmas Dinner  
Sunday 10th December 2017**

Nibbles on the table to start

Glazed ham with cranberry sauce  
Barbequed salmon with herbs & capers  
Accompanied by baby potatoes with sour cream  
& chives, honeyed carrots & salads

Christmas pudding with custard & ice cream  
Black forest trifle  
Meringue strawberry coulis & cream

Register today for a delicious evening  
and pay on the night

0-5 yo FREE  
6-12 yo \$15pp  
13yo + \$30pp

Call the office on 93865496 to register for this event

# REGATTA'S REPORT

## The 2018/2019 Season

Well the season is well underway with a few Sundays of really good sailing under our belts. Sometime there has been rather more wind than we needed but slowly we seem to be going into the normal summer pattern.

Its great to see so many boats out racing. The Cat & Trimaran fleet has solid numbers every week, the 125's are slowly growing, we are building some momentum towards getting some more Flying 11's racing in the afternoon. The Hobies numbers are always good but this season we have had some stellar numbers, 24 on at least one occasion. The cruisers as always are solid.

The Regatta committee and Management committee have made the numbers of boats starting Sunday races a club key performance indicator. Its obvious the more boats we have out the stronger the individual fleets, the more people we have, the better the club goes. We have around a 50 boat average so far this season. We would like to see that grow to 60 and 70 over the next two seasons, which is a challenge. There are no lack of boats or potential crews at Nedlands. The challenge is activating the potential sitting in off water storage and mooring area's. When the Hobie had 24 boats sailing the other week 19 more Hobies were in the compound, put them all on the water and you a fleet around the size you get for a National Hobie championship. When you look at the cruisers as they start their race just behind them the mooring area is nearly full. There are quite a few spare 125's and a whole fleet of Flying 11's waiting to be raced.

If members are at the club on Sunday they can interact and get to know other members, the more people you know the more comfortable and enjoyable the whole experience is. If you are reading this and haven't managed to get out there so far this season, please just try it. There is no expectation from the other skippers, you can choose your own level and we are keen to help new people come up to speed. The consistency racing series is a handicap series, and the its your best 15 races across a 20 race season you can sail less and still get into the results. As I say to the Juniors just start and see how much of the course you can do, when you have had enough just come back to the club and sign the retirement sheet. Another way to look at it is to consider it organised sailing in company and good way to familiarise yourself navigationally with the river. Racing we understand isn't everyone's cup of tea, it was however the thing that got Nedlands Yacht Club as a club going, from throwing a flag up off a jetty at Nedlands Baths as a start line all those years ago and remains our core activity.

The section captains are there to help, Greg Morgan (cruisers), Gavin Jones (125), Andy Peyer (Hobies/Cats) Susie Hood (Juniors).

Regards,

Glenn Fairey

Vice Commodore





# SAILING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Well, as you are reading this we are very quickly closing in on Christmas. The first half of the season flies past in a blur for the Sailing Coordinator.

A lot of effort goes into the Discover Sailing programs. The Try Sailing day back in September was a great success. There were about 40 people introduced to the club and experienced sailing on Hobies, 125s and Pacers. There was a great buzz around the participants about how open, friendly and welcoming we were as a club. A huge thanks to the volunteer helpers on that day for providing that vibe. We have picked up quite a few of those who tried sailing into our training groups.

We only filled one Tackers group in the September / October holidays. 4 of those Tackers have stayed on into our Junior program, and all 4 joined in our annual Junior Camp in November (see the Junior section article for the low down on the camp). We had so much interest in Tackers after the school holidays that we have been able to run a program over 5 Sunday mornings.



The Start Sailing and Better Sailing courses at the beginning of the season were light on registrations, so we transferred those students into the second session and picked up a few more participants. These courses are currently underway and will finish on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December.

An enviable challenge for the club has been finding enough instructors, with the last couple of weeks needing 5 instructors for the courses and club training. If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor please come and have a chat.

The fleet racing has been strong this season. We have been averaging the 40-45 club boats each week with a couple of 50 boat weekends when we all get together. The invitational events have also been well attended with 15 visiting boats for Opening day and 9 for the first short course regatta.

The Marathon is the next special event to race. The plan this year is the same as last year, minus the wind (for those with short memories like myself – it was abandoned last year due to high winds). So hopefully we can get the Hobies along for the full cruiser marathon course and the 125's enjoying a flash back to the Lucky Bay / Dee Road / Baths triangle....

The club is not hosting any regattas over the Christmas break so it will be quite on the sailing front. Good luck to anyone heading to States, Nationals and Worlds over the break. A special good luck to the McKinley family who are competing in the Mirror Worlds in Sydney.

Otherwise I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you out on the water in the New Year.

Graeme Pennifold - Sailing Co-ordinator



# WORDS FROM THE OFFICE..

Hey everyone, for those that don't know me my name is Jacinta and not only do I put on all those fantastic events and weddings you see on the foreshore every weekend, I am also our new Managing Secretary. Whilst I have been at NYC for 3.5 years, it's likely I still haven't met everyone so if you are down the Club during the week pop in and say hi, I'm terrible with names but it would be great to see you so I can recognise your face around.

In this new role, I am looking forward to a more cohesive communication platform between the sailors and "the office". To do this you have probably already met our team, but we have Lucy around the Club on a Sunday morning assisting you where possible and helping answer questions and get things done for you. Lucy is also in on Tuesdays during the week to help pull together our communications to members and plan our members events too! You can thank Lucy for the great BBQ Championship dinners! We also have Terry who not only chases you for money and sends you a receipt once you've paid, Terry also manages our insurances which is a large task in itself with all our assets and assists in membership enquiries and coordinating storage with Don. As always we have Graeme who pulls all things sailing together and gets us on water as well as our training and courses we offer throughout the sailing season. So that is the team, and we are here to help.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do everything we can to assist.

Just a reminder that there will be a General Meeting held in the Nedlands Yacht Club Clubhouse on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 1130am.

MOTION ON NOTICE  
NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

**In accordance with Clause 16 of the constitution, preliminary notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Club will be held at Nedlands Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Nedlands on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 1130am.**

## **Motion 1 relating to Changes to the Constitution**

In accordance with the legislative requirements, mandatory changes to the Nedlands Yacht Club Constitution were required to comply with new legislation. The Management Committee proposes that all changes to the attached constitution are one motion.

**As per Clause 33 (a) voting on this motion shall only be approved if 75% or more of the votes of members present and eligible to vote are in favour.**



# NATIONAL 125'S

It's been an interesting start to the season for the 125 fleet. There have been some great days on the water but high winds and rain has proved challenging throughout many consistency races. Even stormy weather has forced championship racing to be abandoned.

Earlier this month saw two boats, Consuming Passions and Flashin' Ya Nemo join Hillary's Yacht Club. Smoke hindered progress to the line with boats having a little trouble finding the start boat. Unfortunately, one of these boats was forced to retire when the crew turned green.

For the NYC short course regatta all boats were excited to get on the water and successfully completed race 1. Then the squall came through taking everyone by surprise. Whilst some delighted in the 20 knots speeding across the river, others turned their hand to swimming, before the decision was made to abandon racing and everyone headed for shore.

After a heavy downpour of a rain a light wind came in as Rage started the off the beach handicap race on Sunday 25th. However, the wind soon picked up and continued to shift throughout the afternoon. On the last leg of the course and the finish line nearly in sight, Consuming Passions capsized allowing Flashin'Ya Nemo to pass taking out first and fastest.

Upcoming events and important dates for noting include

Port Bouvard – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Rumble in the Reach (EFYC) Saturday 19 January 2019

Regatta in the Trees (Walpole) – 2-3 March

38<sup>th</sup> State Championships – (PRSC – Albany) 19-21 April

Batavia Regatta (GYC) 1-2 June

See you on the water

Madeline Ralph



Congratulations to **TEAM 'IKA'** - Annika Pennifold and Monika Eyer for coming second in the Rob Webb Traveller Series. Well done Ladies!

# NYC HOBIE FLEET NEWS

Thanks to Russell and his weekly reports we are all up to date with results and funny stories.

With around 20 starters each week we continue to be the largest Hobie fleet in Australia. Presumably we are also the most competitive fleet in Australia. But let's not be modest. We are the best. At least Trevor is...if his budgie smugglers -also the largest in Australia, are any indication.

The main event so far this season has been the B fleet. Matt and Ben and Stu Dog and Robin graduated from B fleet quickly and decisively.

Rod and Lucy who really should have started the season in the A fleet have provided plenty of entertainment. –Some great bursts –including a very good 4<sup>th</sup> in the short course regatta -but not a single win in B fleet despite leading by a leg in one race only to find that the last mark of the course had sunk from view. What are your chances? Then a couple of weeks ago with them licking their lips in the strong wind they excel in –they lost their rig. –Funnier than one of Rod's stories.

But the best laugh we've had this season was Cam's near perfect start last week. It would have been better if he'd hooked on before going out –and down. All captured in Technicolor on their own go-pro –see Suzi's Facebook.

Another goodie was Scott and Shauna's capsize 5 metres from the finish line the week earlier. They had sailed a really good race and were so close to the finish line they could smell the podium; then disaster; from chocolates to boiled lollies. –The funniest thing about it was that it was directly in front of the club-house audience and in full view of John Chapman's busily recording drone. Timing is everything. Dacked.

Speaking of John Chapman; Hasn't his drone footage been fantastic. Drone cameras really change the game for the sport of sailing. As a sport we have been invisible since Sinbad. Now we can get some really good vision. Everyone, local and international, has been enjoying watching our fleet on John's youtube clips. Some of those long reaches have been awesome to watch. They remind us why we love this beautiful sport. Follow John –and don't forget to "like" his clips so he knows we love his work and appreciate his support.

Follow John on- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZKS9CPwlwoz3uiUDCcm4gA>



## **SAILING ACTION CLOSE TO THE BEACH AT COTTESLOE**

Speaking of making our sport visible. Suzi Ghent is arranging for Perth's biggest offshore racers to race inshore right along the Cottesloe Beach foreshore from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 8 December. Spectators ashore will get a great view of the action. The yachts will turn at a mark right in front of my Cottesloe restaurant, Barchetta; right under our balcony.

It will be like a street parade but on the water. First a flotilla of power boats will motor up from Port Beach to us and wait in front of Barchetta, then old classic yachts, then the offshore racers.

Spectators from all over Perth will gather on our balcony. John Chapman will video the mark rounding and will fly his drone along our balcony to include vision of us all. Suzi has newspaper coverage and has promoted the event widely. This is a great innovation for our sport. –Let's support Suzi's initiative and join us at Barchetta to enjoy the passing parade.

It's lovely to welcome Shauna's daughter Anjalica to the fleet –now sailing with Mark. So now we have someone in the fleet who is smaller than Shauna. I remember sailing with Shauna a couple of years ago. I urged her to come out onto the wire. When she came out she turned to me and said, "Did that make any difference?" "Ah, not much. I see what you mean." Anyhow Angelica is loving it –and that's what we do it for. Our other daughter crews, Elisabeth and Anna are also enjoying their roles and bringing a freshness and enthusiasm to the fleet. Fantastic.

### **Sprint series - Friday evenings**

The first sprint series on recent Friday nights have been successful. It's been a great way to start the weekend - a pleasant sail, sunshine, pizzas and drinks afterwards. The second was on Suzi's birthday (life starts at 40) so there was cake!

### **Life member**

Our own Rod (Hoddy) Hodgkin was made a life member recently. I know that meant a lot to Hoddy. Neddies has been a huge part of his life. A member since 1964 he is a walking catalogue of entertaining stories about NYC people and events over the eras. Always loyal; Always there to lend a hand. Many have come and gone, Hoddy remains...and honours us with his presence.

### **Statue for Hobie Alter unveiled**

I was moved by the following story. This guy and the toy he invented have made our lives better.

During the recent 50th Anniversary of the Hobie 14 a full sized bronze statue of Hobie Alter wave jumping a Hobie 14 was unveiled in Dana Point California. It cost around \$400K.

At one time Hobie employed over 300 people just in the glass area and was producing 40 boats a day.

The first Hobie Cats were built in Capistrano Beach, which is part of Dana Point. In 1976 as many as 45 boats a day were being built. Since then, 400,000 have been built.

It's a nice tribute to the man who touched so many of our lives.



### **NATIONALS** [Australian Hobie Championships](#)

This year's Australian Hobie Championships are at North Haven, SA. 2 series. 28-31 December 2018

It is also the selection series for the 2019 Hobie 16 Worlds in Florida.

### **WORLDS** [Hobie Worlds web site.](#)

The International Hobie® Class Association (IHCA), World Championship, 1st November – 16th November 2019, at Captiva Island, Florida, USA."

### **STATES** 2nd & 3rd March 2019.

And now for something completely different...The 2019 Hobie WA State Championship will be held at Nedlands Yacht Club.

Cheers,

Phil King



# CRUISER'S

## Cruising in Sharks Bay

With red dirt and the turquoise waters of Shark Bay beckoning we set off, Farrier 24 Trimaran packed with Melva and I and our dog "Sushi" - 100 metres up the road we went over a speed bump and broke a leaf spring on the trailer. Two days later after effecting repairs we had a pleasant drive to Denham. The boat trailed effortlessly with our SUV.

We had a wonderful month of carefree exploring and relaxing in the wonderful and amazing environment. The Farrier proved to be excellent accommodation and we enjoyed sailing to Useless Loop, Dirk Hartog Island, while anchored at the island overnight we woke at 2 am and had to pull the boat into deeper water as the tide abated. We left at daylight as a storm was threatening with 25-30 knot winds.

It was a rough ride back to Denham but the Farrier lived up to its reputation as an extremely safe design. Arriving at the launching ramp at Denham we retrieved the boat, de-rigged and converted the boat into our hotel again.



We spent the fourth week at Nanga which was a former pastoral station. It was a very laid-back with a sail out to Salutation Island to see a wonderland of marine life and wildflowers.

Temperatures through our trip were about 12 degrees in the mornings but quickly warming to 25 degrees with 30 on one day.

We will certainly be going back again next winter as there were many places we are yet to discover.

Paul & Melva Todd

## Security Reminder

Can we please all be mindful to make sure we lock gates behind us each time we go through them. I know it's painful, but with no onsite Bosun, we all need to make conscious efforts to improve security.

Speaking of security improvements, floodlights have been erected on the west side of the Fshed assisting in security of the cruiser compound as well as the late night gate lock up for staff and members.

# JUNIORS

Every member of the junior section has been enjoying themselves since the start of the season. We have already held two very successful Tackers courses which have allowed our numbers to grow, creating a better learning environment, allowing our juniors to improve their sailing skills.

Our first training session started 7<sup>th</sup> of October where we enjoyed seeing the keen faces of new and experienced juniors alike, ready to have fun and improve their sailing skills.

Our very first social event for the juniors this season was Junior Camp on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November. It was a fun filled weekend. We experienced lots of wind on the first day, but still everyone persevered on, and did exceptionally well on water. We came off water and learnt a lot more information about sailing, such as knots and start procedures, after a few social and fun games we watched the classic surf movie, "Surfs up", 'A real blast from the past' says Monika Eyer. On the second day of camp, everyone woke up at the crack of dawn for a new day of learning, where we gained confidence and all went out on water to try racing, special mentions were made to the most improved and most valuable participants of the camp.

Over the last couple of weeks our good ole faithful Flying 11 Black Magic has been seen around the race course in the afternoon, but don't worry, as enthusiasm for the F11s is surging within the group with an average of three F11s training in the mornings, with Miss Commodore (Ally Taylor) dusting off her boat named "Cougar" and also experiencing afternoon racing.

Training has been chaotic yet under control with the mirrors asking for tips and tricks during our morning sessions, as well as a fight for water space between the 2 classes of juniors and up to 3 training courses, yet despite this, we always manage to spend time to help our junior class grow and gain confidence to progress into higher classes.

All is well with the juniors and we are all looking forward to Santa coming.

Annika

Annika Pennifold, Junior Captain and Communications



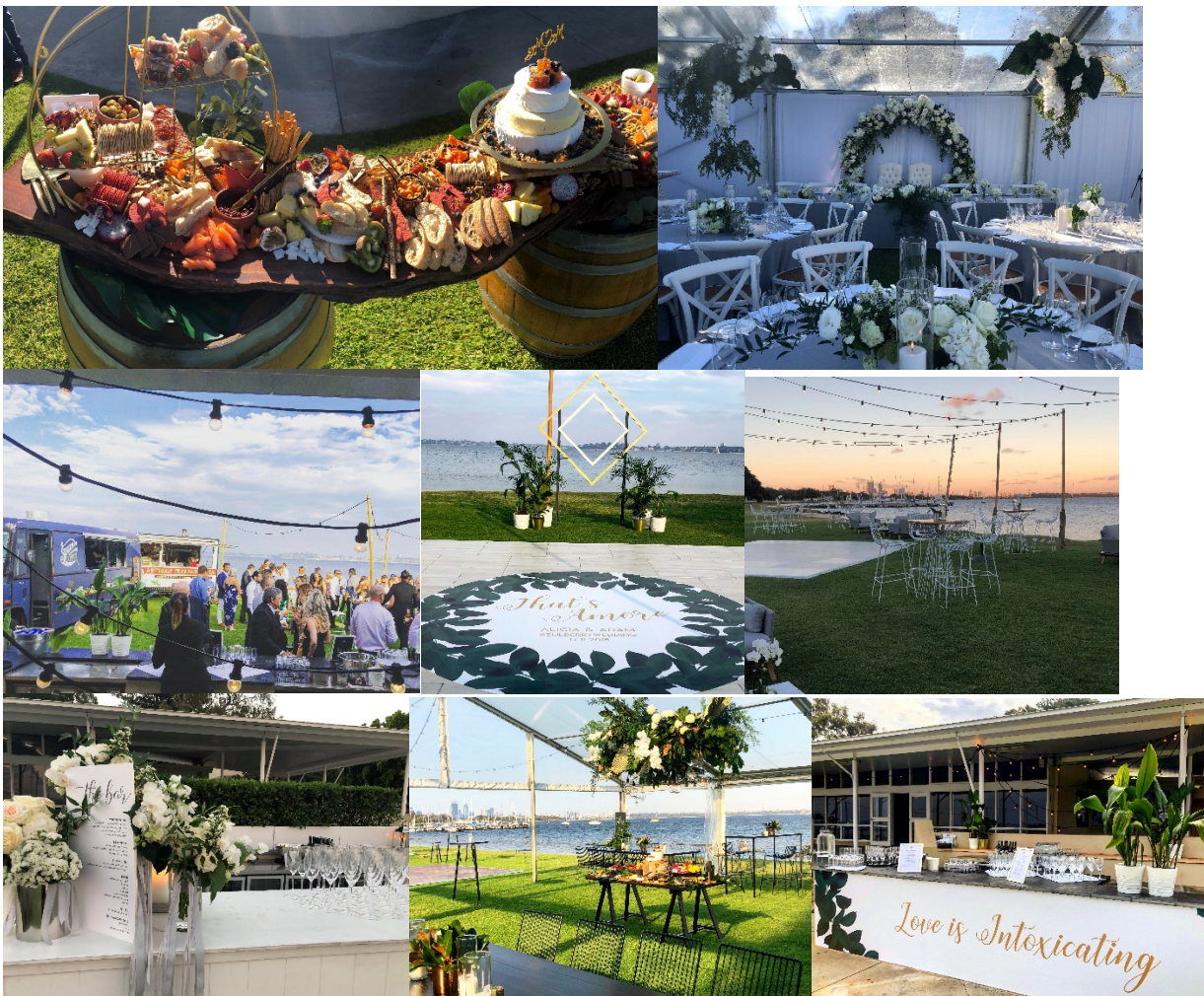


# EVENTS

Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of the events season. Boy have we hit the ground running! We brought on board a new supervisor Bryony who has been amazing but is sadly leaving us for bigger and better opportunities, so we are on a recruitment drive again. I am looking forward to finding our forever supervisor as events seems to become a bigger task each year as we strive to make more and more dollars.

We have had a fantastic start to events season, with some phenomenal weddings and some out of this world Christmas parties coming up! You can see by some of the pictures that we really do have such a beautiful foreshore not only for off the beach racing but events too! As always, the summer ramps up and then the beginning of 2019 stays pretty busy all the way through May, which is surprising considering years gone past May has been pretty quiet. But we are looking forward to creating an epic day for each and every one of our events.

Once again we didn't increase drinks prices which is 3 years running now with little increase to the drinks you guys enjoy! Where possible I am also finding opportunities to offer specials for you on Sundays and special occasions, but the prices are pretty great without those dirt-cheap specials so make sure you enjoy!







# READY TO HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT



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