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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 Winter Edition of Mainsheet and my last as Commodore of Nedlands Yacht Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Management Committees for their support and contributions to working towards our aspirational goal of being one of the best off the beach and family friendly sailing clubs in Western Australia.

Over the last couple of years we have transitioned the structure of our office to focus on members and growing membership through training and conducting sailing events, being more available to members on sailing days, as well as having several active sailing members being as part of the team. This is proving to be very successful with the office team being able to be more responsive to members requirements, improving the onboarding and introduction of new members, and being more informed on the key matters for members and volunteers.

Some of our achievements over the last 12 months include welcoming back the Open Cats, growing our Cruiser Multihull into a new Division, receiving a \$10,000 Grant to progress the Sail Training Centre project, completion of the second stage of the ramp refurbishment and most recently receiving government approval of our Constitution that is compliant with new legislation. Further to receiving approval of our Constitution, we have also taken the opportunity to totally overhaul the constitution to better reflect community values as well as making the constitution gender neutral. The updated Constitution and By-Laws will serve the Club well for many years to come and would I would like to thank the dedicated and passionate Sub-Committee of Peter Twiby, Julianne Lloyd-Smith, Brian Wooller and the late Ingrid Landwehr.

We have also spent considerable time in creating a baseline of key data, including Membership and Weekly Racing Numbers, that we can use in future seasons to measure our performance in growing membership and engaging will all members to increase participation in Sunday training and racing activities.

Due to a number of recent membership software changes we are unable to conclusively prove that we have increased membership this year, however to steal a line from the famous aussie film "The Castle" its the "Vibe" around the club that is definitely on the rise. For our first busy bee this year we had over 67 volunteers, which is a fantastic measure of our members being engaged in the Club and participating in vital maintenance of our club facilities.

Congratulations again but most importantly thank you to the very worthy recipients of the Club Award Winners -

This year the **Club Person of the Year Award - The Court Family Trophy** went to **Don Mullaley** for his long standing commitment to the club by being the Club Storage Officer. His level of commitment, attention to detail, willingness to assist members and his compassion for members in difficulty made him a very worthy winner of this award.

The Brian LeMaistre Award for Contribution to Junior Sailing went to **Annika Pennifold** for all her hard work with coaching the Juniors, organising events and volunteering her time for a multitude of activities. Annika's dedication and commitment have been exemplary along with her boundless energy and enthusiasm for anything sailing.



The **Jack LeMaistre Award** for Contribution to Senior Sailing went to **Mike Fitzgerald** for his continual support of the club and his incredible level of volunteering on a Sunday. Mike volunteered no less than 18 times during the season and also filled the breach on other occasions when it was required. Mike has been a very valuable long standing member of this club.

The Craig LeMaistre Award for Contribution to the Club went to **Graham Cuckow** for all the long standing support he has given to the Club office over the years. His support and advise has been immensely valuable to the staff helping to ensure that there is an smooth level of operation at the Club.

Always remember that this is your club and through volunteering, being a member of a committee, attending club information sessions and General Meetings, as well as providing valuable feedback, you along with all members will ensure that the Club provide facilities, sailing and social events and training that continues our aspirational goal of being one of the best off the beach and family friendly sailing clubs in Western Australia. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming AGM on Wednesday 19 June 2019.

Finally I wish the incoming Commodore and Management Committee all the best for the upcoming 2019/20 Season.

See you on the Water

Gavin Taylor

Commodore Nedlands Yacht Club



REGATTA'S REPORT

This last season was one of the clubs best in quite a few years. The Tornado's and F18's made an appearance back at the club and are re-energising the Open Cat section. We now have enough multi-hull cruisers to make them into a new division in the cruiser section. A big thanks to the members who helped organised and install the new ramp which has helped facilitate this growth. The Hobie section maintained very solid numbers all season and the competition went up a notch.



Darren Smith has held the club championship title for 14 years in a row until this season when Cam Owen finally broke his golden run. The 125's maintained a small fleet this season and hopefully next season we will see some growth and solid numbers. The club as we have discovered has been gifted several 125's. We intend to use them to give the adult sailing course participants experience on boats as part of the course. This we hope will encourage them to get straight into racing at the club.

The junior section is a very important part of the club and has struggled over the last few seasons. Our choice to move to Optimists and run Tackers courses has put numbers into sailing but not necessarily translated into junior members or a junior racing section. This year after deciding to move the kids swiftly on from Optimists into Flying 11 we have finally got some traction. There have been some Flying 11's purchased and next season we look forward to the exciting prospect of having a competitive racing fleet of Flying 11's. Thanks to Susie Hood, Annika Pennifold, and Maddy Taylor for their efforts this season. Also thank you to all the parents and kids who are now involved and participating.

Training generally has been quite successful with the club running courses on Pacers, Optimists and Hobie 16's last season. This activity has resulted in the invigoration of the Junior Section and the supply of quite a few Cruiser & Hobie crew; even my new crew came from this pathway. The activity we generate in training pays off in many ways across the club and remains the primary source of new members for the club. We are getting better at courses and pathways into the club and next season should be even better.

Having Graeme Pennifold as the Sailing Co-Ordinator has given us consistency, direction and organisation. Not only has more training been happening, Graeme has done great work with the School team racing, the club sailing instructions, Short Course Regatta, HMAS Perth and very importantly the hard work that is the club results system. Many of these things aren't seen or noticed until they don't happen or don't work. Thanks Graeme.

In the same vein of not being noticed until things don't work - the Rescue Boats. It's not very often we have a failure that requires serious intervention on a racing Sunday. I can't remember the last time we had a major failure of our primary rescue boats nor can I remember sailing ever being cancelled because of mechanical failures of the rescue boats. This is no fluke and does not come without large commitments of time and talent in the background. Thanks to Ric Fairey and his many helpers for making sure the boats that keep us safe are up and running when we need them.

Finally, I would like to recognise the Taylor family for their efforts and commitment to NYC over the last 4 years. Not only has Gavin been either Commodore or Vice Commodore for the last 4 years but Lisa Taylor has been in the canteen in concert with Karyn Hill running that very big and important show. The canteen is a very important part of the club and a massive time commitment. Macca has also been helping in the canteen over the last season nearly full time and Ally has made some guest appearances as well. Maddy has been working as an instructor with the juniors and is a big part of the reason that part of the club is starting to work again.

This type of engagement and contribution are what Nedlands Yacht Club is built on – thank you Taylor family.

Regards,

Glenn Fairey

Vice Commodore



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SAILING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hello to the Nedlands Members.

Another season has passed us by. I thought the Presentation Evening was a great success. Congratulations to all who featured in the evening. Some of the rest of us went along to make up the numbers – and to lament about the season past.

There is not a lot for a sailing coordinator to do over the winter's months, except the mountain of paperwork that got left from the last season and the ever-increasing mountain looking forward. While on the subject of paperwork ... The Swan River Racing Committee are discussing a SoPYC request to host the Australian Youth Championships in January 2021. The committee have requested that all clubs and associations put forward water space requests for the 2020/2021 Nationals season so that they can be figured into the Youth Championship request. I realise it is a long way out, but it would be worth having your class associations think about whether they are considering hosting their State or National titles on the Swan River in January 2021, and if so put forward a request to SRRC.

We have already had enquiries for training sessions for next season. We hope that this interest will continue, and we fill all of our sessions. Remember to spread the word to any of your friends or colleagues who may be interested in sailing about how great Nedlands is and how we can help introduce them to sailing.

The first winter Busy Bee was well attended, and it was fantastic to see a great number of members turn up and pitch in, including a number of new members.



Well, that all from me. I leave you this mainsheet with a parting quote "Be patient with your sailors and let them rant. Most of them will get over it come Winter"

Graeme Pennifold - Sailing Co-ordinator

ADVERTISING WITH NYC

As you may have seen, last season we had some advertised spaces within the weekly Mainsheet Traveller.

Would you like to advertise your business to 400 NYC members on a weekly basis for the low price of \$25 for individual weeks, or \$75 for a 4-week run?

This cost-effective advertising option is a great way to promote your business and gain like-minded clients.

All you need to do is provide an 800x600 pixel image (similar to below) and a small blurb and we are ready to go!

This may be something you look into your marketing budget come September/October. Contact Jacinta at events@nyc.org.au for further information.

The Office

This year has been a big year in changes in the office. I recently had some time to reflect on the year that was as part of our Clubs WA Awards for Excellence application for Medium Club of the Year. In this application, they asked a number of questions about what our goals were as a club.

Below are some small sections of my response:

Our purpose is to be a fun, friendly and competitive off the beach sailing Club.

Our strategic plan looks to increase membership and function enquiries which will translate into increased revenue and will fund the items on our long-term plan.

The long-term plan includes a significant amount of maintenance around the premise, and this maintenance will need a significant amount of finance.

We are working towards having a more balanced income stream from our sailing through increased memberships and storage to reduce the pressures of the revenue required by hosting events and functions.

Since I came on board in 2015 as the Events Manager, functions revenue has increased drastically and has become the main financial structure to the Club. Our sustainability plan is to ensure the functions revenue is able to continue coming in however with the function revenue taking 63% of the Clubs total revenue we are working on ways to make the sailing and membership side grow to be able to hold the financial status of the Club if something were to happen to the events revenue.

We are also squirreling away savings as backer for any dire financial position we get ourselves into or we wish to complete a large maintenance or renovation plan.

In 2018 we implemented several improvements to the policies and procedures of how we operate. Firstly, we implemented a policies and procedures manual based around HR for all employees and new employees to work towards. We have begun to implement online security procedures increasing our online safety particularly with cloud-based data programs and passwords. We are also streamlining our membership process which includes a smoother process for new enquiries, and if those enquirers become members we have implemented a system to on board these members including communication with our Membership Coordinator who is available to assist with future enquiries and engaging the new members within the Club.

We are always on the lookout for members who join and can bring their business skills into the Club. In 2018 we appointed Tam as our Treasurer who is a Tax Accountant. Tam was able to come in, look at our books and fix some issues we didn't know were occurring. We have also appointed Steph Turner as our Environmental Officer and Steph is a Marine Biologist, so Steph's skills are helping us work through our environmental management plans and ensuring our harm minimisation plan is up to scratch and implemented. Bringing members who are skilled in these areas has certainly assisted in the compliance process we have with the Club.



Our strategic Plan achievements

I would proudly say we have most certainly achieved our Strategic Imperatives from the Strategy Plan under the Membership, Process and Compliance categories. Our Facilities are aging so maintaining well-presented facilities was certainly worked towards, but I feel we could have done better. But hey 3 out of 4 is pretty good. Why am I proud? Let me break down each category for you from our strategy plan;

Membership:

- Our volunteers have been exceptionally magnificent this year. In previous years we have struggled to fill positions and have had to threaten the risk of cancelling a race due to lack of volunteers and the same volunteers would put their hands up time and time again. This year we had a different approach which included putting names on the list in an attempt that they would do the duty or swap for a better suited date. This worked very well, and we had to fill minimal spots last minute and didn't have to threaten the risk of cancellation of the race day. Also assisting in this is the membership coordinator who has worked on building that rapport amongst the members and is able to ask multiple members to volunteer and not just have a selected few who always put their hand up.
- Increasing family participation worked really well this year. We had several members whose children got further involved in sailing this year and a few juniors whose families become involved in the Club as a result of their child's involvement.

Process:

- The amount of feedback I continued to receive all year from members who commented on fantastic our sailing days had become was overwhelming. There had been a lot of angst built up within the Club and I believe with implementing the membership coordinator, putting on more casual social events throughout the season like the \$5 Championship BBQ made members feel like they were getting something back from their Club. Again, helping to build our community and engage sailors with each other after the race instead of most of them heading straight home after coming off the water.
- The Sailing Coordinator has done a fantastic job in running not only our Junior training but also our Tackers and Adult learn to sail courses and from here moved course participants into the junior fleets or crewing on other members boats and also moving some juniors into crewing positions for Sunday afternoon racing. Some of these new crew members end up travelled around the State and Country competing in National championships with their skipper.
- Our function coordination has been excellent, and events have been running smoothly and with excellent feedback being received for 99.9% of events held.

Facilities:

- Part of achieving an increase in facility utilisation has included initiatives to engage members for longer after sailing days including the \$5 BBQ dinner and implementing a secondary ramp as part of the long-term plan. We have noticed an increase in members in 2018 that are present throughout the week tending to their boat or going for a sail.
- We have attempted to maintain well-presented Club facilities throughout the year including an attempt to spruce up the bathrooms, however we have had issues with our grass on the foreshore as well as the aging nature of our buildings.
- We do maintain safe training assets however the Training building is 70 years old and is in our long-term plan to rebuild or renovate.
- We have maintained safe racing equipment which has undertaken repairs and replacements as the year has gone on
- We received our first grant towards our Sail Training Centre rebuild

Compliance:

- We have maintained compliance with Nedlands City Council through our Noise Management Plan, Compliance of our lease agreements, compliance with pruning regulations, compliance with our Health & Safety and Building inspections. All around very compliant
- We strive to achieve compliance with State regulations including updating our constitution and abiding by liquor licensing requirements.
- Maintaining financial compliance is an aspect we strive to uphold. When our Treasurer came on board, we had several discussions regarding our financial controls and concerns. These financial control changes made will assist in our annual audits and we aim that these audits become easier, more transparent and more cost effective.

Jacinta Wilson – Managing Secretary

FEES

Thanks to all of those that have paid their fees and took advantage of the Early Bird Discount.

For those who have not yet paid their fees please pay your fees before 31st July as after this date a 3% penalty per month will apply to all fees.

Also please be mindful that Australian Sailing insurance only covers financial Club members so if you are planning to sail or race during the winter it is important that you pay your fees so that you are fully covered.

BUSY BEES

The next Busy Bee is on the 16th June and will be hosted by the Junior Section.

Remember if you help at three busy bees during the off season you are exempt from paying the Busy Bee Levy.

SECURITY REMINDER

As we wind down from the events and sailing season and the nights get darker much earlier, we send out a reminder about security on grounds. Please remember to keep compound gates locked each time you open and close them. We ask members if you leave close to dark and can't see any cars parked in the staff bays, please close and lock the front gates. Any cars on site should belong to a member and all members should have their number 1 keys to be able to leave the premise. Sometimes members leave their cars here to go a an overnight or weekend sail so please lock the gates, even if you see a car onsite, it's better to be safe and protect our grounds then leave them unlocked and make it easier for thieves to get in.



THIRD SCHEDULE
NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB (INC.)
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Club will be held at
Nedlands Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Nedlands,
on Wednesday 19 June 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

BUSINESS

1. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. To receive and adopt the Report of the Management Committee
3. To receive and adopt Reports from the Treasurer and the Auditor concerning the financial Accounts of the Club, including a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 April 2019
4. To elect the Officers of the Club for the ensuing year, the election being in the following order:-

Commodore	Glenn Fairey
Vice Commodore	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Rear Commodore	Andy Peryer
Rear Commodore	Vacant
Rear Commodore	Vacant
Committee	
	Ric Fairey
	Peter Snow
	John Collier
	7 vacant positions

5. To accept the recommendation of Management to adopt revisions to the NYC Constitution as outlined to members at the forum conducted on Sunday 19 May 2019
6. To consider and resolve "Motions on Notice" (Attached in full) submitted in accordance with Clause 15 of the NYC Constitution
7. Other business:
8. Close of meeting.

NATIONAL 125'S

A very busy season has come to an end. The Easter weekend mark the 38th State Champion Championships in Walpole. Many boats from across the state made the trip for what was a very cold and wet weekend. As boats arrived to set up, reports came in of snow on Bluff Knoll. As the temperature fell some took the opportunity to turn a boat into an esky to chill the champagne.



Day 1 saw South Westerly winds of 15-22 knots as sailors undertook 4 races in more rain and hail. Then on day 2 conditions changed and the sun came out for a pleasant day on the water.



For those missing our weekly sails there another change coming up with Batavia Regatta (GYC) – 1-2 June.

Madeline Ralph

NYC HOBIE FLEET NEWS

Now here's an interesting thing... Daz has won the Club Championship 14 times in a row...and 16 times in all. I had no idea. ... I guess he's just lucky. The last time he didn't win it was in 2003/04 when Adrian Von Senger and Suzie Ghent won it. But that was after he'd won it from 1999 to 2003. This year Cam and Suzie won it ending Daz's amazing unbroken run. That girl Suzie Ghent; she's the only one who can beat him. ...She must be lucky too. It's funny how the good sailors have all the luck.



And now for something completely different

...Daz and Claire won the Consistency this year.

Reflected Glory

Cam and Suzie will carry our flag at this year's Europeans and at the World Cat event.

Follow them on the interwebnet thingy.



Ingrid

A large crowd attended Ingrid's funeral and wake... so nice to see so many Neddies members and Hobie sailors in attendance –many from far away and long ago. Ingrid always kept a modest, low profile yet we all knew she was one of the engines of the club and of the Hobie section. I think she would have been surprised but quietly pleased to see how many people showed up; Cheers Ingrid.

Winter Sailing ... When too much sailing is not enough

Batavia Regatta – Geraldton

10 Hobies made the trek up to Geraldton for the Batavia Regatta and what a great weekend it was. The weather was fabulous and warm. And the new deck at the Geraldton Yacht Club was a great place to hang out and catch up with friends.

The sailing was fun with a fleet of 15 boats with everyone having ups and downs during the races.

Overall. A great regatta!

Jervoise Bay Sailing Club Winter Series- Sundays -16 June, 21 July, 18 August

Nedlands Yacht Club Winter Series- Sundays -4th August, 1st September

Huck Scott Winter Series - Saturdays -22 June, 27 July, 24 August

Other Events

2019 Hobie 16 World Championship - Florida, USA Nov 1st-16th, 2019

Nationals - 2019 Australian Hobie Nationals 31st Dec 2019 – 4th Jan 2020 Jervoise Bay Sailing Club

States - Esperance has confirmed that it will run our next States over Easter in 2020. That's a great win for us. It's a place of great beauty.

To do

NYC membership renewals –Get it done before 31 July to avoid the 3% late fee.

You need to be a Financial Club member to be covered by Australian Sailing Insurance –crews too.



Stop whining and keep your weight back!

Cheers,

Phil King

JUNIORS

The last (quarter?) of the season has been wonderful for the juniors. We have been very productive and realised that if you put lots of keen and enthused minds together, you can do great things.

Training has been going well, with The Great Transition of Flying 11s, from club ownership to private ownership. The transition from only having two boats owned at a private level, with only one of them sailing regularly, to having four privately owned boats that plan to train and race every weekend is astounding.

With so many now enthused minds and bodies we have been very productive in making an official Flying 11 WA Association, and are currently working through the constitution and by-laws to ensure everything runs smoothly. For anyone interested, we will hold a Flying 11 WA AGM on the 16th of June, after the Juniors Busy Bee.

We will require junior (and parent) helpers for the Juniors Busy bee (on the 16th of June). Pretty much we want to see as many of you down at as many busy bee's as you can make. But when your section is nominated to organise the busy bee, you (and your other sailing buddies) are in charge of food!!

I will email all juniors closer to this date, to figure out what food we can organize (Usually you are sorted if you bring a plate of sweets, or help cook/prepare lunch which is TBA)

Closing day was a hoot! For all that attended, you would have noticed that the juniors where hogging the slippery slide (sorry, not sorry). The LeMans race was won by a team of Ex-Juniors, and it is nice to know that those who are a tiny bit too big for the junior classes are still hanging around and enjoying all the club has to offer.

It is great to look back at the improvement over the season. Thanks to Graeme and the Tackers courses, we have been able to create a pathway for novice kids into junior training. From there, they learn the skills of the Opi, and are then encouraged into Flying 11s where they can learn even more skills and begin a racing mentality. But last year we didn't have many Flying 11s racing and barely any committed to training. Our numbers and attitudes have greatly improved and we are all very proud.

A huge thanks to all those that helped out near the end of season and especially presentation night, you know who you are.

If you keep an eye out, you may see many juniors travelling around the clubs, on the river and the coast to keep up their training over winter.

You will see us at Busy bees and the Winter Series.

(4 Aug & 1st Sept)

Cheers,

Annika Pennifold



EVENTS

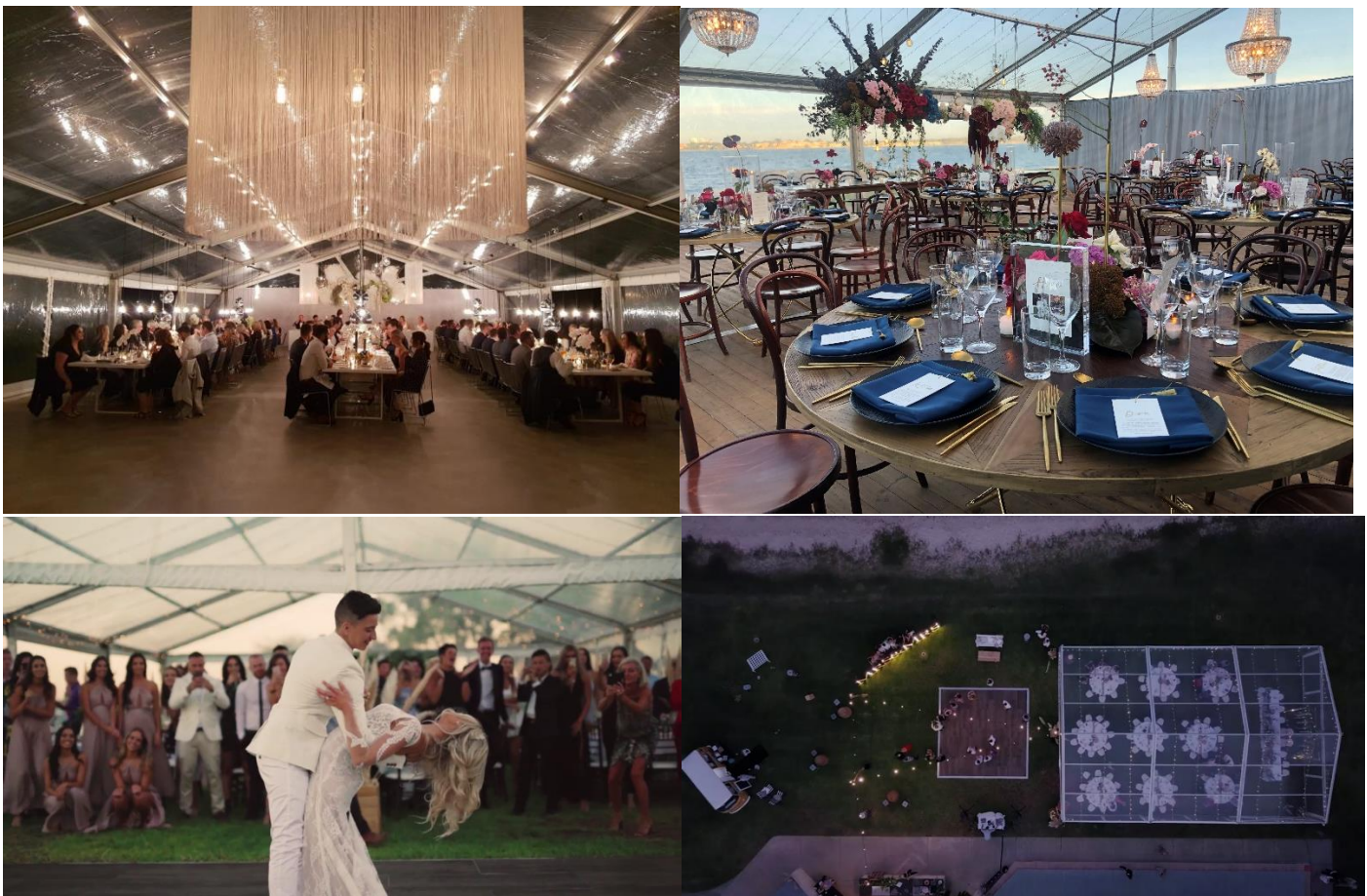
EVENTS:

You blink and another sailing and events season has finished. Where did that time go?

This financial year we hosted almost 80 events with a mixture of mainly weddings, seminars, Christmas functions, birthday celebrations, wakes, product launches, engagement parties, Charity fundraisers and a presentation night for the West Australian Team for the Special Olympics. Whilst we didn't quite hit the targets we had set to achieve this past year, we had a pretty spectacular year with some incredible events.

We have had Melissa come on board who will be taking over from Taryn when Taryn heads on leave to start her family. You may have met Mel either in the office, at the Presentation Dinner or on a Sunday in the bar. Mel is also taking over our corporate & private events so if you know anyone who is looking to host an engagement, birthday celebration, corporate seminar or Christmas function Mel will be the one looking after you.

We have started the new financial year strong with 4 weddings and 2 seminars in May. Usually our events season ends in April but we have stretched it out to May this year which is great.



- Jacinta Wilson Managing Secretary & Events Manager



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