



LORNE AQUATIC & ANGLING CLUB

AGM Notice & Agenda and Club Reports

Saturday 27th November, 2021

5.00 p.m.



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Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Agenda

**To be held Saturday 27th November 2021
5.00 pm**

BUSINESS

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the 2020 AGM held 28th November 2020. A copy of these minutes is included with this document and on the website. The minutes have been recommended by the committee for confirmation and it is proposed to request that the minutes be taken as read.

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the prior AGM

3. Presentation of the following Reports as per attached and available on our website.
 - a. Commodore's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report

Unless any questions have been sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting, there will be no questions and discussion.

Motion: To adopt the individual reports

4. To receive and adopt the financial report and the audit report for the year ended 30th June 2021. Available on website.
5. To re-appoint Auditors Barkley & Associates
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

In accordance with Association Rules, all positions of the Committee are declared vacant, and the following positions are to be elected.

Election of Committee Members for a term of one year.

Commodore	Keith Miller
Vice Commodore	Richard Addison
Secretary	John Higgins
Treasurer	John Higgins
Other members.	Ian Hutchinson, Chris Nisbet, Chris Tutungi, Angela Quinn, Leon Armistead, Phil Meurer, Wayne Griffiths, Gordon Mather, Brian Taylor, Jamie Trigg

Jamie Trigg resigned during the year and Phil Meurer will not be seeking re-election. The Club thanks them for their hard work in their capacity as Committee Members.

7. Annual Subscriptions

To confirm the amounts of the following subscriptions. (No change from prior year)



Single	\$45
Family	\$60
Boat Membership	\$75
Concessionary/Pensioner	\$25
Commercial Fisherman	\$180

8. General Business

- a. To consider any other business that has been advised to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

9. Meeting Close

PRESENTATION OF FISHING AWARDS – KEITH MILLER



Commodore's Report

It was a tough year with the Covid restrictions but much better than we expected. At the time of writing this we hadn't received our figures back from the auditors, but it appears we have made a healthy profit. The details will be in the treasurers report below.

We got lucky with the easing of restrictions over the summer period and the Outer Sanctum Area saved our bacon.

We were able to run most of our functions but unfortunately had to postpone our 60th anniversary celebration night until next year.

Restrictions have eased considerably so it's looking pretty good for the upcoming summer season. All we can do is keep our fingers crossed and comply with the rules set by the authorities and, in particular, the fully vaccinated or no entry rule.

We are enforcing the Members only entry rule over January and special club functions held over the coming season.

We will be running lots of fun events again over the next 12 months such as ; Garlic Comp, Tomato Comp, Clean Up Australia, Pub to Pier Swim which is the Pier to Pub in reverse, Hawaiian Shirt Wednesdays, Lawn Bowls Comp, Golf Comp, World Sausage Roll Championships, Melbourne Cup Extravaganza, 10 Fishing Comps, \$2 Pot Wednesdays, Toss the Boss Friday's, Crayfish Raffles, School Group Fishing Days, Live Bands with free admission and countless free sausage sizzles and BBQ's.

A big thank you to our hard working committee members and lots of other members who help us out when needed with things like, Working Bees, Bus Driving, Checking Entries at the gate, Collecting Glasses, Selling Raffle Tickets, Cooking the BBQ etc. Some of the names that come to mind are John Punton, David and Ann McCormack, Leon Armistead, Ric Addison, Jamie Trigg, Tom and Mark Curran, Wayne Griffiths, Annie McMahon, Ange Quinn, John and Janet Higgins. There were also others but with my terrible memory which is getting worse each year I've probably forgotten a few.

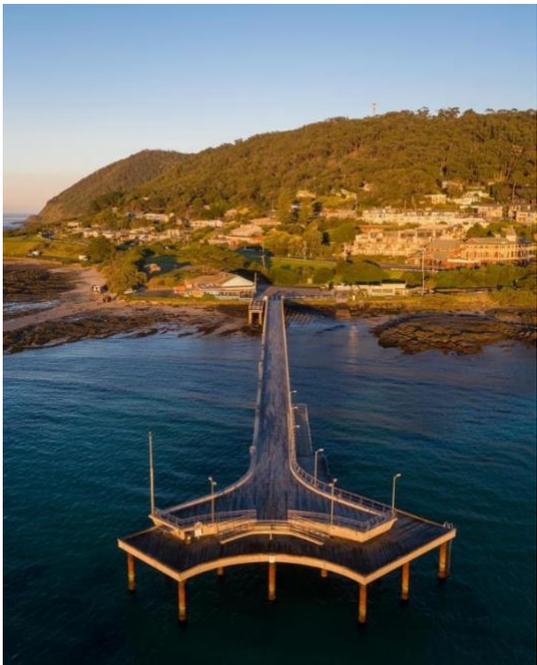
Without these invaluable people the club wouldn't be the successful fun place it is today.

We had our best year ever with raffle ticket sales which allowed us to donate over \$20,000 to local charities, clubs, organisations and local people in need. Again, a big thank you to all the generous members who bought tickets.

The Point Grey redevelopment is still dragging on, but the new entity GORCAPA appear to be proactive and things are looking a lot more positive now.

We have formed a new subcommittee to meet with them monthly and they have a completely new board, chairperson and CEO so it's interesting times ahead.

We will keep you all informed of the progress through our monthly newsletter the Commodores Notes.





FISHING REPORT

As mentioned above we run 10 fishing competitions each year consisting of 6 Major Comps and 4 Winter Cup Comps.

The Major Comps are held on long weekends so more of our out of town anglers can be involved, and the Winter Cups are catering for the working locals who are often committed on the long weekends so are unable to fish in the Major Comps.

I don't know of any other Angling Club who run as many fishing competitions as we do.

For a few years now we have been struggling to attract junior anglers, but this has changed recently with the Dawson and Hunter boys plus a few others all having a crack which is great news.

Despite the Covid restrictions we still managed to run 5 Major Comps and 2 Winter Cup Comps which was more good luck than good management.

A special thanks to all our fishing comp sponsors; Great Ocean Road Real Estate, Bendigo Bank, Lorne Breakdown and Towing, Western Insurance Brokers, Essential Financial Planning, Lorne Concreting, Great Otway Construction, Lorne Hardware, Peter Wheel Landscaping, Gary Keane Bricklaying and Scaffolding, Hillec Electrical, Surfcoast Gardening and Mowing.

We also had a good year with our Calendar Year Comp where we have 6 species of fish up on a board and at the end of the year, we award trophies to the biggest of each one. This really brings out the competitive spirit between our regular anglers. I was kept busy changing the board regularly



**Keith Miller.
Commodore.**





Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present my first report as Treasurer of the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club for the year ended 30 June 2021.

It was a challenging year for the Club with restrictions and lockdowns. Despite the challenges, Ian and his team faced during the year, our trading income increased 9% on the previous year, and we finished the year with a trading surplus of \$177,597, an increase of 61% on the previous year. The result under the circumstances was remarkable and can be largely attributed to a more than doubling of our membership numbers to 1,650, the consequential increase in membership subs, substantial assistance from the Federal and State governments (\$73,229 in total) and the ongoing loyalty of our members.

The Anglers is now clearly the largest community group in Lorne and the place to be! Jason's coffee stop continues to be popular with locals and visitors and has contributed over \$10,000 to Club revenue.

Our weekly raffles continue to be well supported and a good source of funds, which are totally committed to helping local community organisations and needy causes. During the year we raised \$18,656 from raffles. Well done to all our ticket sellers!

We continue to be well supported by our generous sponsors, totaling \$19,791, and we thank them for their ongoing commitment.

We continue to have a strong balance sheet and substantial cash reserves, which puts us in a good position to deal with the challenges we will face as the Point Grey development proceeds, including a substantial contribution towards the construction and fit-out cost of our new club facilities and a loss of trading income during the construction period.

You will all be aware that there have been protracted issues with the Point Grey development, but we are hopeful that we will see the development proceed in 2022.

It was necessary, in order to protect our legal position in relation to the redevelopment, and particularly the boat-wash, traffic and parking arrangements, for us to lodge an appeal in VCAT. This was also necessary to demonstrate our support of the views of the wider Lorne community on the proposed "Beacon" building and was instrumental in the establishment of a new community consultation model which will deliver an acceptable outcome for the Lorne township.

However, it did come at the considerable cost of \$27,080 in legal and other professional fees (and a further \$1,125 in the current financial year). We would not have been able to pursue this action without the most generous pro-bono services provided by Tamara Brezzi and her firm, Norton Rose Fullbright.

For the first 3 months of this financial year we have traded at only a small loss despite only being able to open for a total of 3 weeks. We are expecting a bumper summer, but we will continue to be constrained in patron numbers while restrictions continue. We ask all our members to be considerate to our staff and volunteers and to be understanding if there is a delay in entering the Club.



It has been a pleasure to work with Keith, Ric and all the committee members and I thank them and all our volunteers for making our Club an important part of our community and a safe and fun place to meet with family and friends.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Higgins'.

John Higgins
Treasurer and Secretary



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Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held 27th November 2021
Clubrooms - 5.00 pm Pier Rd. Lorne

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I

(Name)

(Address)

Being a financial member of the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club (LAAC) appoint The Commodore of the Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 27th November, 2021 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please forward to the LAAC Secretary by 10am Friday 26th November 2021

**P.O. Box 110
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