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President's Report

As a club, Outrigger Caloundra set itself a range of ambitious goals, objectives and activities to guide the direction of the club. These were grouped around six main goal types including: administration; finance; membership; paddler development; facilities; and assets.

The administration objectives and activities to be undertaken represented one of the biggest challenges for the Committee this year. "Club Health Checks" will often examine four key drivers that are crucial to success at club level. These are: vision and mission; governance; culture and leadership; and decision making. One of the first priorities of the Committee, therefore, was to develop a governance framework to lay the foundations of great club. Members were invited to share their views on the future direction of the club, what was important to them, what they wanted to achieve, funding priorities and the changes they thought were necessary.

Following consultation with club members, the 2016 Strategic Plan was approved by the Committee in February 2016 and the club had a clear roadmap for the year ahead. Work got underway immediately and in May 2016 the club voted in support of an updated Constitution, a Code of Conduct (including safety rules) and the election of three club captains.

Our long term goal to acquire a long term lease and a modern clubhouse has been equally challenging. While Outrigger Caloundra has been based at Short Street for over 16 years, we have been doing so without a lease or permit for the last few years. A clubhouse sub-committee was formed and met in January 2016 to discuss a way forward. An offer for a 'Permit to Occupy' was received on 20 January 2016 and after months of extensions and consultation with stakeholders, a survey plan was submitted in November 2016. We are now waiting for this interim permit to be granted so we can work towards the next phase. While progress has been slow, it is exciting that the wheels are in motion.



Notable progress has also been made on our goals associated with marketing, membership and finance. We now have a modern and smartphone-friendly website, a 1300 number to manage calls from the public, banners, flags and signs to promote the club and a coordinated uniform range. The club has also experienced record growth in membership. We currently have 52 members including juniors and had a record turn out of 38 paddlers attend training on 6 November 2016. It is also notable to highlight that never before has the club been in such a strong financial position. This can largely be attributed to growth in membership, fundraising, sponsorship by Suncity Travel and efficient accounting systems.

Our Strategic Plan also included goals and objectives associated with assets. Some of the more notable activities undertaken to reach these objectives included: the purchase of three canoe covers; modifications to the canoe trailer; and an epic working bee to remove clutter, rubbish and faulty items from the club house.

While a new website, the submission of survey plans and money in the bank make us all smile, the really memorable moments of 2016 were, of course, related to paddling and our development as paddlers. For the first time in Outrigger Caloundra's history, 12 members from the club travelled to the Cook Islands to participate in our first international competition overseas. A culture had developed in Outrigger Caloundra that we were too small and too inexperienced to compete in international competitions. This year we were determined to shift this culture and challenge ourselves. Paddlers returned from Vaka Eiva with a wealth of experience and new international connections.

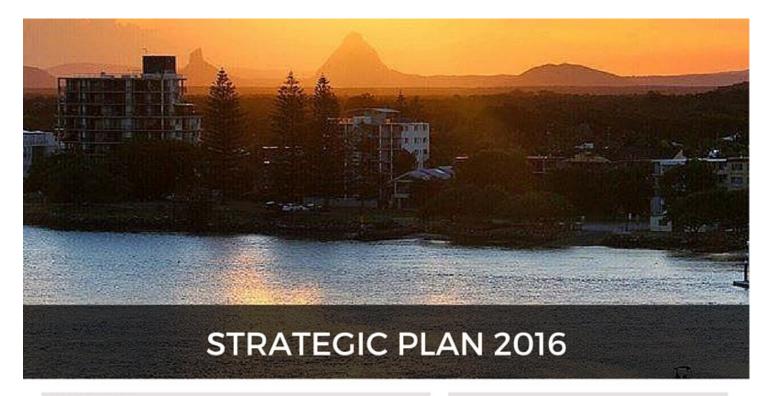
Paddlers from Outrigger Caloundra also had the opportunity to grow by meeting, cheering for and paddling with international competitors from 30 countries during the 2016 World Sprints at Kawana. Some of our members had the humbling honour to meet Joseph 'Nappy' Napoleon, we recognised Rapa Nui as our sister club and we cheered on our very own Uncle Bruce who represented Australia in the platinum division. This was an amazing experience for our members and it gave us all a deeper appreciation for the skill, dedication and elegance of the worlds best paddlers.

Like all not-for-profit sports clubs, volunteers are the backbone of Outrigger Caloundra. It is no fluke that: we have experienced 44% growth in our membership; we have enhanced our financial position by 54%; we have had record attendance at training; or that we were represented at our first international completion in 2016. These achievements are the direct result of people with passion working together towards a common purpose. It is the result of people taking pride in their club and loving what they do. It is the result of people feeling valued and being welcomed to make a positive contribution to the club.

As we look towards 2017, it is my hope that Outrigger Caloundra will continue to thrive and not simply function in its 20th year. I am insanely proud of what we have achieved as a club in 2016 and it has been an honour to be part of this journey.

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VISION

For people to be attracted to, and remain with, Outrigger Caloundra due to the passion of its members, the integrity of its leadership and coaches, the quality of its facilities and assets and adherence to core values.

MISSION

To give our members social and competitive opportunities to get active and enjoy everything the sport of outrigging offers both on and off the water.

CORE VALUES

Respect. Transparency. Fun. Courage. Commitment.



GOALS

Minimal risks to safety and high levels of enjoyment both on and off the water

Attractive public image

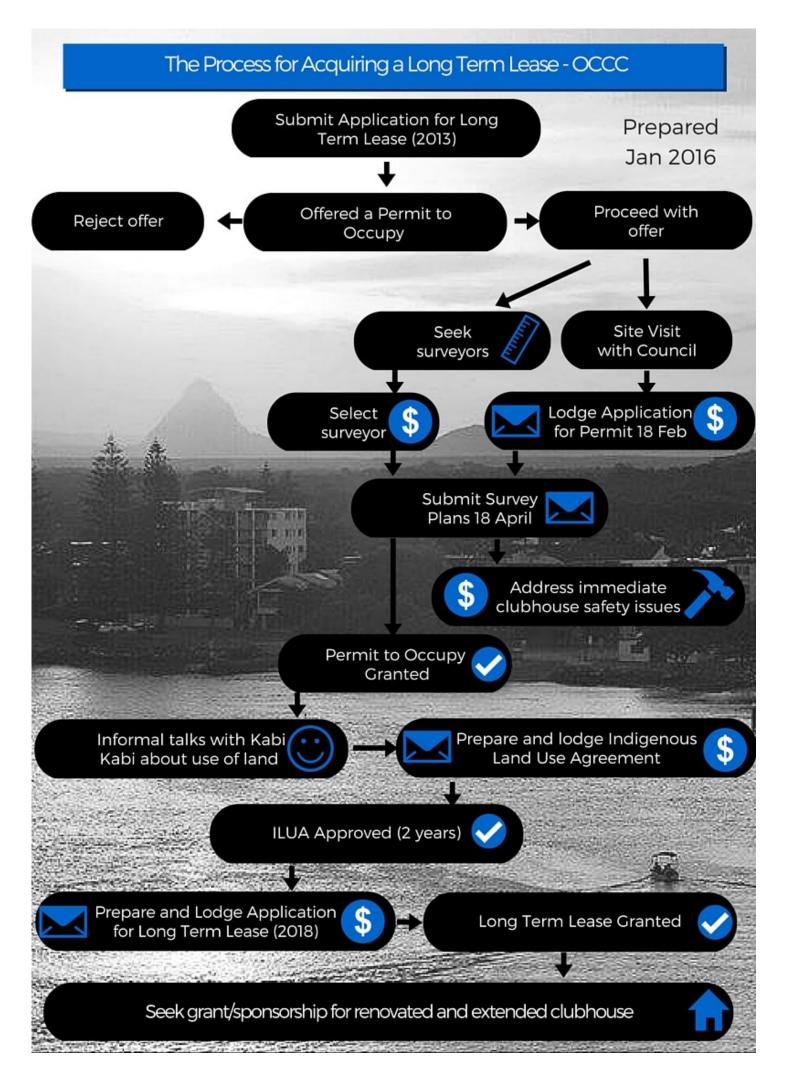
Save money for the future

Manageable growth in membership

Members have a depth and breadth of paddling skills, knowledge and experience

A long term lease and a modern clubhouse to ensure outrigging continues to be enjoyed in Caloundra

Assets that enable the club to carry out its mission and work towards its vision



FAST FACTS

Outrigger Caloundra 2016



\$22,800 in the bank 54% growth since last year



52 current members 44% growth since last year



New international friendships and a sister club in Rapa Nui



Podium finishes in OC6 Nationals and OC2 series



First overseas club representation at Vaka Eiva, Cook Islands



2 crews in the Sydney Harbour Challenge



Survey Plan submitted to Government for a Permit to Occupy



New Governance
Framework to lay the foundations
for a great club



282 Followers 61% growth since last year



New Sponsor "SunCity Travel"



Re-introduction of junior paddlers and junior coach ready to start in 2017



New safety equipment and canoe covers