

# OUTRIGGER CALOUNDRA

## 2019 President's Report *Presented at the AGM* *24 November 2019*







Outrigger Caloundra's goals are focused on: administration; finance; marketing; paddler development; membership; facilities; and assets. We can be proud a number of achievements across all of these goals including:

### **Administration**

- we have taken a more active role in discussions and planning at the AOCRA South Queensland Zone level, and
- increasingly good adherence to the club's risk management plan in terms of bar crossings and water safety.

### **Finance**

- \$7,000 received from the Sunshine Council to purchase new paddles and a V3, and
- the club made over \$1,000 by loaning canoes for the Sydney Harbour Challenge and junior events at Kawana.

### **Marketing**

- over 980 followers on Instagram, 313 followers on the Facebook page and 160 subscribers to newsletter, and
- a new sun smart race shirts to keep us looking fresh and highly visible.

### **Paddler Development**

- Our junior Charlotte represented Outrigger Caloundra at the Gubbi Gubbi Championships and Junior Nationals
- Bernie had an interesting experience at the Norfolk Ocean Challenge
- 3 women, who are now Outrigger Caloundra members and raced under our name, were 3rd over the line in a field of 30 canoes in the Sydney Harbour Challenge. Our mixed crew were 6th over the line in a field of 45 canoes
- our very open mixed team made the final and came 4th in the 500m race at National Sprints
- the master men bought home silver in the short course National Marathon Titles (fist pump)
- for the first time in a long time, we entered a men's crew and a women's crew in the long course at Nationals, and
- the senior master women won the short course OC6 series...again!!



## Membership

- a 6th annual beginner program with sessions running in September lead to the recruitment of 2 new gun members
- membership standing at 59 including 32 females and 27 males. Of these, 1 is a junior and 13 are over 60. This represents a 23% growth in 12 months, and
- great fun out and vibe at our 2018 Christmas party and 2019 mid year party/awards night.

## Facilities

- a number of improvements including a custom built OC1/2 & V3 storage rack, new plumbing for hoses and a de-cluttered clubhouse. Many thanks to Steve Lilwall, Adam Joyce, Craig Bourne, Peter Darling and Morten Schnoor for all your volunteer hours and sweat making this happen!

## Assets

- purchased a second Matahina and a V3, and
- 10 customised club Kai Koo paddles from California for novices.

Outrigger Caloundra is going from strength to strength. As paddlers we are challenging ourselves to go further and faster and as a club we are maturing and operating like a village where everyone plays their part. Sandy shared a post on Facebook in October this year and I want to share it here:

*"To me, the greatest reward for being a team player, far outweighing any personal gain, is that it means you will never be alone. Think about that. Life has enough lonely times in store for all of us. The wonderful thing about partnership is that it halves your sorrow and compounds your joys. When you are pressured, your teammates will lessen the burden. When you are exultant, teammates will only multiply it. The amount of success you are capable of enjoying and the pleasure you are capable of feeling is equal to the number of people you are willing to share it with"*  
- Pat Summitt (American basketball coach and Olympian).

I'd like think that the reason people are attracted to Outrigger Caloundra is because we are team players ; we value our relationships and paddle culture over personal gain and the short-term glory of winning. I'd like to say thank you to all our members for being part of the Caloundra tribe and making it such a welcoming and safe place to call home. Special thanks to our Committee, Club Captains and Coaches for the countless hours you dedicate to us all.

Rebecca Prasad

**Respect - Transparency - Fun - Courage - Commitment**













# FAST FACTS

## Outrigger Caloundra in 2019



\$29, 441 in the bank  
14% less in 12 months  
0.5% growth in 24 months



59 current members  
23% increase 12 months  
23% decrease 24 months



Representation at Norfolk Is,  
Sydney and the  
Transtasman Gubbi Gubbi



Senior Master Women  
Short Course Winners  
OC6 2018/19 Series



Introduction of an Awards  
Night at our mid year  
celebrations



\$7k in grant money for  
new paddles and V3



Upgraded  
canoe storage



Adherence to the Risk  
Management Plan



981 followers



Great feedback from  
members and visitors  
about club atmosphere



Every new member has  
boosted our aloha



New Matahina  
on the way