



# OUTRIGGER CALOUNDRA

**2021 President's Report**  
*Presented at the AGM*  
*12 September 2021*





Outrigger Caloundra's goals are focused around: administration; finance; marketing; paddler development; membership; facilities; and assets. While we can be proud of a number of achievements across all of these goals, we also have work to do in 2021-22 as we mature as a club.

### **Administration**

- \* Updated the Risk Management Plan in June 2021 and shared learnings from a safety incident at Noosa in December.
- \* Identified the need to review and update the Club Captain role description and implement a social media policy following public displays of club disharmony in July/August 2021.
- \* Conducted a voluntary club survey in August and gained point in time insights into why our members paddle, what they want and how they feel.

### **Finance**

- \* Club Secretary Tracey Douglas submitted a successful grant application to replace our clubhouse roof. The club received \$27,650 for this critical maintenance work. Tracey also submitted a successful grant for \$2000 to replace the covers for our mirage.
- \* Club Treasurer Tracy Piwari refined finance processes and was instrumental in identifying a new auditor.

### **Marketing**

- \* We have 1092 followers on Instagram, 635 followers on Facebook and 191 subscribers to our newsletter.
- \* While some attempts were made towards sponsorship, we haven't made any traction in this area.

### **Paddler Development**

- \* Gavin Douglas organised the second annual Club Training Camp at Noosa in February. Gav organised a technique session with Olympian Denise Cooper and members including Mike Dunham, Rowie Coghill and Carrie Haines all made a valuable input to the success of the weekend.
- \* We have had limited opportunities to race this year in the SQ Zone but we have made the most of regattas on offer at the Gold Coast and Mooloolaba.
- \* 10 members competed in the Whale Run as a mixed crew with strong support from Gav and Tracey on the beach. This was a much needed race to refuel our passion for the sport and build club connections.
- \* Club members have been coached under the leadership of Gavin Douglas and Sharon Burland. The club is eternally grateful to have Gav and Shazz who have offered their time and expertise freely. Coaches are often the most scrutinised and criticised volunteers in any club; they are the first to be blamed and last to be praised. The challenge for Outrigger Caloundra moving forward is how members can better support their coaches and how to keep two-way lines of communication open.





## Membership

\* We have attracted the following new members since the last AGM: Sharon; Carol; Harry; Carolyn; David; Donna; Geoff; Graham; Jill D; Jill O; Katie; Libby; Matt; and Paul. This is fantastic recruitment in times of COVID-19 uncertainties and we hope to reach out to new members we haven't seen for a while.

\* We currently have 62 members including 34 women (55%) and 28 men (45%). Senior Masters represent 47% of our membership, Golden Masters and Platinums represent 35% of our members and Opens and Masters represent 11%. We also have Charlotte, Ashleigh, Kurt and Jemma who are currently affiliated with our club in our junior divisions.

## Facilities

\* We were granted a 20 year lease for our Clubhouse commencing 10/11/2020. This is monumental for our club and a privilege unknown and out of reach to so many water sport clubs around Australia. Special thanks to Tracey Douglas for driving this for the last few years and cementing the agreement in the weeks following the last AGM in 2020. With great privilege comes great responsibility. We are now responsible for caring for the clubhouse, making sure it's safe and ensuring the club can continue to be used as a community facility.

\* A drain was installed along the front of our clubhouse. This was funded by a grant secured by Tracey Douglas. Thanks to Morten who coordinated this project and to all the guys who rolled up their sleeves to make this happen on construction day.

## Assets

\* No major purchases were made this year. While the club is well placed with three OC6 race canoes, our training canoes are looking worse for wear and our race amas are not built to last. The mirages and our comet amas are in use up to five times a week and will require maintenance in 2021-22. The Committee has identified the need for a more detailed asset and maintenance register.

\* The Malibu Club vacated our clubhouse in August. This will give us the space and freedom to build storage shelves and protect our V3 from the elements.



## Reflections

Every year an AGM approaches and I look back over the year, I am gobsmacked by the volunteer hours that go into this club and so grateful to the people who make our club tick over every day.

- Sending out a very special thank you to Tracey Douglas who joined the OCCC Committee in December 2018 as a Registrar. She then moved into the Secretary role in 2020. Tracey has followed through with everything she said she would do and more. I hope she knows how much we value her and her contribution to the long term security of our club.
- Di Gretton and Steve Lilwall have been our club Captains since October 2018. They have attended our Committee meetings, provided input into decision making, been available to members and have always put up their hand to help with events. We wish Di all the best in the Torres Strait next year and hope she enjoys another slice of paradise for paddling up North!
- Thank you to Gavin Douglas who dedicated three years of his life to us as a head coach. Gav gave us 100%, 100% of the time. While Gav stepped down as Head Coach in April, he has continued to serve Outrigger Caloundra as a steerer and highly experienced paddler.
- Thank you Sharon Burland in her role as club Registrar and more recently our Head Coach. Shazz brings a wealth of experience, wisdom and guts to our club. Shazz is an outstanding committee member and coach; we would have been lost without her this year.
- Thank you Tracy Piwari for your no-nonsense approach to accounting and your positive energy.
- Thank you Paul Casley for challenging the coaches and committee and questioning why we do things the way we do. While you have rocked the boat, you have done so in the spirit of making the club a better place and you have had the courage to talk to us openly. We hope you are an example to others that members can speak out, members will be heard and we can all work together with respect in the appropriate forum.
- And finally, thank you to all our members who keep choosing Caloundra as their home. Outrigger Caloundra's core values are respect, transparency, fun, courage and commitment. These values guide us through challenges and are our compass for moving forward. These values keep us true to ourselves and differentiate us from other clubs on the coast. We hope this is why members are attracted to Outrigger Caloundra and why members stay.

Signing off for the 6<sup>th</sup> term as your President  
Rebecca Prasad













# FAST FACTS

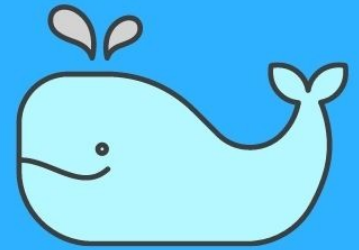
## Outrigger Caloundra 2021



\$44, 664 in the bank  
(or \$17,014 excluding  
roof grant)



62 current members  
19% up since 2020 AGM  
5% up since 2019 AGM



Representation at local races  
including Whale Run Beach  
Changeover Relay



Drainage works around  
clubhouse grounds



2 day Training Camp at  
Noosa with Olympian  
Denise Cooper



\$29.6k in grant money for  
new roof and  
canoe covers



Granted a 20 year lease  
for clubhouse



Ongoing efforts to adhere to  
COVID-19 safety measures



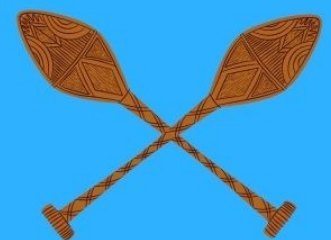
Two "Come & Try"  
Programs



Strong and unified  
club spirit amidst COVID  
stress and uncertainty



Fabulous 2020  
Christmas Party with  
entertainment by Glen



Inspiration and guidance  
from Club Ambassador  
Uncle Bruce