



OUTRIGGER CALOUNDRA

2023 President's Report *Presented at the AGM* *6 August 2023*





Outrigger Caloundra's goals are focused around: administration; finance; marketing; paddler development; membership; facilities; and assets. We can be proud of a number of achievements across all of these goals from our last AGM in September 2023 to today.

Administration

- * The Committee approved an updated Risk Management Plan and the club's Strategic Direction in June 2023.
- * The club became members of the Coast Guard (3 boat membership). With a bar like ours it makes sense to support an organisation that might support us one day!
- * Our Vice President David has represented our club at various forums to give us visibility over issues like the silting of Pumicestone Passage.

Finance

- * We received \$2500 from the Active Clubs round thanks to our Secretary Tracey D.
- * We received \$5000 in sponsorship from the Caloundra RSL thanks to Tracey D. This money was put towards the 4 steerers blades and 6 paddling blades.
- * We are consistently raising close to or over \$200 per week from this fundraiser. This is a vital income stream to cover ongoing maintenance of our canoes.

Marketing

- * We have 1286 followers on Instagram, 923 followers on Facebook and xx subscribers to our newsletter.
- * We consistently have 4-5 canoes on the water every Saturday morning which is the best marketing of all!

Paddler Development

- * Ken steered his first race at Rainbow Beach and put on a great show steering the boys to shore through the break.
- * Our boys competed in the Sydney Harbour Challenge with a 6km leg outside the heads. This was a massive achievement and gave the boys an opportunity to compete in an international field. Many thanks to all our members who helped raise money to support the crew.
- * We ran a Come and Try program in March 2023 with 20 participants. We introduced the following 14 members through this program: Matt B, Carolyn, Ben, Miro, Morris, Stephen, Jenny, Dymtro, Olga, Jayne, Jeff, Jett, Carol and Dan.
- * Club members have been coached under the leadership of Gavin Douglas and Sharon Burland. Gav and Shazz were supported by Mike D, Marcia and Bec as coaches and a growing pool of steerers. Thank to to our steerers and coaches for enabling us to race at the following events: National Sprints at Kawana (Nov); Noosa River (Dec); Broadwater Bash (Feb); Sydney Harbour (Feb); SQ Zone Champs at Rainbow Beach (May); National Marathon Titles at Mooloolaba (May); Gold Coast (June).



Membership

* We currently have 47 AOCRA-affiliated members including 23 women (49%) and 24 men (51%). Senior Masters represent 28% of our membership, Golden Masters and Platinums represent 51% of our members and Opens and Masters represent 15%. We also have 3 junior boys Jett, Miro and Morris.

* While membership is down on previous years, this hasn't had much impact on training numbers. We continue to face environmental challenges (the ever changing new coastal bar and new sandbanks) and COVID, colds and flus are having an ongoing impact on our health, race fitness and recovery time. We have done well to keep our spirits high and maintain a strong and unified club culture throughout the year.

Facilities

* No major updates to report but pleasing to note that our roof has fared well.

Assets

* No major purchases were made this year. The club is well placed with three OC6 race canoes and we continue to keep our eye on opportunities to purchase a light weight OC6.

* The River Buoy continue to do a good job on the ongoing maintenance of our canoes.

* The club still needs a detailed asset and maintenance register.



Reflections

As I look back over the year, I am so grateful to the people who make our club tick over every day.

- Sending out a very special thank you to Tracey Douglas who has been our Committee as a Secretary and Registrar more years than not since 2019. Tracey has been instrumental in gaining the club grants, maintaining accurate records of our Committee decisions and has demonstrated leadership on issues that demand courage and wisdom. She is always approachable and is true to her word. We wish Tracey all the best on her trip to Europe living the vanlife dream with Gav!
- Thank you to Gary Wells who stepped up as Club Captain. We have had a relatively drama-free year on the paddletics side of house. This may be because Gary has quietly talked through issues before they become problems or maybe all the frameworks and people we have in place are working like a well oiled machine. Maybe it's a bit of both. All I know is that Club Captains are a vital part of our club as our keepers of aloha. Some years this job is a tougher gig than others but it is still a job and I thank Gary for taking on the role.
- Thank you to Sharon Burland in her role as a Coach and Registrar during the year. Experienced paddlers and steerers like Shazz are numbered in our sport and rare in our club. Thank you Shazz for pushing us, being frank and fearless and dedicating so much of your time to us.
- Thank you Tracy Piwari for being our Treasurer and developing your steering skills. Lulu does everything with purpose and on time! Thank you for your professionalism Lulu and tireless efforts to keep us on track.
- Thank you Gavin Douglas for being our Head Coach. The role is the both the best and worst job of all!!! You need inter-personal skills, emotional intelligence, technical skills, thick skin, an open mind, and courage. Thank you for always having the club's best interests at heart and putting the club goals at the forefront of all your decisions. You lead by example and have dedicated yourself to each and every one of us. We wish you safe travels with Tracey around Europe and we are so proud that you will represent our club abroad in your OC2.
- I personally want to acknowledge Dave Mason from Bayside who competed alongside us at the National Marathon Titles this year in what was his last race. Dave was an inspiring leader in our SQ Zone and a source of strength and encouragement to me over the years in my role as a club president. I don't know who wrote this but it rings true "Tragedy one day becomes hope. Hope for a new way to exist in harmony. It comes with loss, it comes with pain. As paddlers we learn this truth in the water, with our paddles we reach out and plant our intentions for another start". My yoga teacher says how you do yoga how you do life. In the case of paddling, Dave paddled the same way he lived life and for this reason, he will always be my hero. Dave brought people together, he tackled the difficult issues, he valued the skills of others and he had a vision.
- And finally, I will reiterate what I say every year - thank you to all our members who keep choosing Caloundra as their home. Our 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. We have a small club but a great club and I'm so proud of you all!

Signing off for the 8th term as your President
Rebecca Prasad







FAST FACTS

Outrigger Caloundra 2023



\$25,080 in the bank
14% up since 2022 AGM



47 current members
14% down since 2022 AGM



Gold medals at National
Sprints and Marathon Titles
for Novice crews



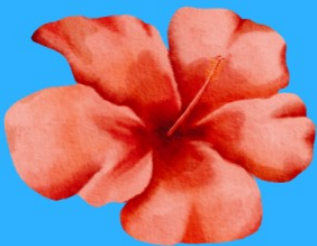
New club caps



Representation at the Sydney
Harbour Challenge



Caloundra RSL
Sponsorship



Peaceful club vibe
and inclusive culture



Raised an average of \$190 a
week on the meat try raffle



New Top Shelf
Steerers Blades



20 Participants at our Come &
Try Program leading to 14
new members



Celebrated
Christmas Karaoke Style
under the stars



Updated
Risk Management Plan
& Strategic Direction