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Peter Hector

Appointment of Our New General Manager

Following the resignation of the club's General Manager Bruce Wallis in December 2005, the Board engaged the services of Andrew Pike from Establishment Recruitment & People Systems Consultants to initiate the search for a new General Manager.

There were 35 applicants for the position. Following consultation with the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Treasurer, Andrew reduced the list to nine. After extensive, exhaustive interviews of these nine applicants your new General Manager was selected. The Board of Fremantle Sailing Club was involved throughout the entire process and the final selection was a unanimous choice.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that our new General Manager will be **Dennis Allison**, who will officially take up his position on the Monday 27th March 2006.

Welcome Dennis Allison!

Dennis comes to us with a strong background in Staff Management, Financial Accounting, Human Resources and Hospitality experience. Dennis was the General Manager at Hillary's Yacht Club for six years, giving him highly relevant Club and Marina experience. He is married to Penelope and they have three children. He is also a keen fisherman and enjoys golf and tennis.

On behalf of you all I welcome Dennis to the Fremantle Sailing Club, and we look forward to working together for the benefit of the Club and its members.

Safety

During the March long weekend I was very pleased to see the Club and its surrounds being used to the full by members and their guests. However I would like to remind members of your responsibilities for the safety of not only your guests but for that of other members. On several occasions I noticed people driving very fast within the two areas of the Club. With the huge number of cars and trailers parked over the weekend, visibility was at times very difficult and we were very lucky no one was injured. Also the speed limit for the entrance to the harbour is four knots. Small boats were speeding into the area overtaking yachts attempting to drop sails or people manoeuvring into their pens, generally making it difficult for all concerned.

Please show respect for your fellow Club members and take heed of the speed limits in place both on and off the water. This will greatly add to the safety and enjoyment of the Club for all members.

Maintenance

The ongoing maintenance of Club jetties continues, with the pile replacement program completed in February. By the time you read this all repairs to the fuel jetty will have been finished and "A" jetty decking sealed. Further maintenance to the other jetties will be carried out within the next financial year.

Youth Social Venue

In an effort to encourage the participation of our younger members to join in Club social activities, we have completed the renovation of the Youth Social Venue. This will now provide a comfortable area for members and their family and friends to enjoy their leisure time at the Club.

Blue Marlin Classic

Once again the March long weekend heralded the commencement of this classic angling competition. I enjoyed meeting many of the skippers and their crews at the Friday night pre competition briefing.

The importance of sponsorship for these events cannot be overlooked and it was great to see the major sponsors MTU and Freedom Marine at the function. I would like to thank them on behalf of the Club for their ongoing sponsorship and generous support of this event.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all out and about the Club.

Peter Hector
Commodore



The Commodore Peter welcomes the new General Manager, Dennis Allison.