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**Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting held at the
Royal Geelong Yacht Club of Victoria on Tuesday 1st October 2013 At 8.00pm**

1. **Motion:** That notices convening the meeting: First notice circulated August 2013 with annual invoices, second notice circulated on 19/9/2013 be confirmed:
Moved: s. Gray **Seconded** W, Stubbs
Resolved: by show of hands
2. **Present:** Committee members: Brian Golland, Roger Bennett, James Ide, Jonathan Crockett, Naomi Wilbraham, Mal Billings, Bill Stubbs, Sheryl Gray, Peter Geary, Peter Stow, Noel Essex; plus approximately 50 members including those listed on the attendance sheet
Proxies: proxies were received from 29 members all in favour of motions or granting discretion to their proxies.
3. **Apologies:** Committee member Brian Phillips plus 37 members as listed on the apology sheet
4. **Obituaries:** Past Commodore John (Curly) Robinson
Members stood in silence in memory of Past Commodore Robinson.
5. **Motion:** that the minutes of the 50th AGM and the Special General Meeting held on 25th June 2013 be confirmed

Proposed: S. Gray **Seconded:** J. Crockett
Resolved: by show of hands

6. **Commodore's Annual Report**

Welcome everyone, members, friends, family and our Honorary Life Member and a personal thanks to you all for attending this AGM of QCYC on the occasion of our 51st Annual General Meeting. More importantly I report to you on our 50th year and the celebrations and events that surrounded a milestone in the history of QCYC.

Having been in the office for the past two years makes one consider all the efforts of members and committee in continuing to care for both the organisation and the facilities which give members and visitors a great deal of pleasure to visit.

It certainly is a privilege to lead a Club with such history and pride of place in Victorian yachting. The year has been busy and much has transpired, and indeed been achieved, by the Flag Officers, Committee and Members. My personal thanks and gratitude to all Committee Members for fabulous support as they took on all the tasks we were challenged with and came up with the goods in every instance. It was a delight to come to committee meetings!

Opening Day 2012-13

Opening Day was up to its usual standard with assistance once again from many members and a big vote of thanks to all the ladies who so generously give us a quality smorgasbord of delightful platters and allows us to satisfy our large number of special visitors and guests.

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Father Peter Martin, our very own local Queenscliff pastor, again used the occasion to intensify experiences and bring us valuable and profound insights into the combination of celebration and remembrance around the Goorangai, local history and relevance of our heritage in sailing and boating. He was ably supported by Chaplain Barry Porter and our own member John McIntosh before casting his own local creation of the cross into the waters off the wharf in blessing the season opening.

Unfortunately we did not have the presence of Captain Kath Richards, our Patron from HMAS Cerberus as she was ill on the day but we delighted in hearing Cerberus' Commander Michael Oborn RAN who stood in Capt. Richard's stead recounting his own experiences in both the service and as a sailor and relating our club to his respect of QCYC's position as a club of sound standing in Victoria.

Again our local Maritime Museum representative Les Dusting provided a signal through the firing of his small cannon as Commander Mark Oborn broke the flag for opening of the season. Thanks to Les once again.

Christmas and New year Celebrations

As in past years we celebrated Christmas and New Year in style at the Club with a full house and wharf of Members and visitors including the usual "Prawns & Oysters" on New Year's Day. As expected, an overflowing Club saw a beautiful day and food put on again by our ladies supported by many male counterparts. The Committee thanks all who contributed to our favourite time during the holiday period.

Our January Opening of 50th year celebrations

And then, on Friday evening 18th January well over 100 members gathered at the club for a launch of the celebrations. Our thanks to security of Swan Island who manned the gate and allowed us a very late finish that night.

For all of the Members and friends who attended, this special celebration was fantastic and saw the launch of our special QCYC-labeled wines and a slide show of a trip through the ages and some of the events that QCYC is remembered for since its inception.

A quick synopsis of our history, put together with meticulous effort by past Commodore Darryl and Past Lady Commodore Betty Morrison was recounted by myself and Vice Commodore Roger Bennett to effectively launch the year's celebrations.

A superb effort and a night that will be remembered.

The Club overall in 2012-13

Everyone who has visited the Club in the past year will have seen and understood the development initiatives we are planning to undertake in and around this very special club and its premises in our lives.

Financially, through our good Treasurer, James Ide, you will see that we are in very good shape and continue to focus on balancing good amenities, members' activities and a community of active sailors along with many visitors.

We continue to grow and whilst we may be in difficult times with restricting time pressures, the Club and Members have served us well.

Individual visits to the Club by Members, has increased from near 1700 wharf -boat days to almost 1915 days in the past two years. Additionally we have seen an increase in visitors attending with and alongside Members from 460 to almost 700 in the same period.

Overall 223 boats berthed at QCYC with 80% (or 180) staying an average of 3 days with the overall average stay being 9 days.

The Club Property

Our property continues to be managed well and sighted as such by our managers in Parks many indigenous plantings in the past three years which are growing prolifically, especially thanks to some wet weather.

The causeway road has been very resilient in the past few years and whilst we experience significant tides and wind in July and August annually we have only seen slight damage during these times. Our expenditure has been significantly reduced in this area. The garden beds lined with saltbush alongside the causeway contribute to its stability and a more pleasant look to our access.

The access road to the east of the Clubhouse has improved traffic movement and drop off points for persons and supplies from vehicles have given us an openness we see at the front of the Club combined with lawn and our maturing plants around the buildings.

Major projects and Sub-Committees

Much concentration the past year has been on two major project issues:

1. Firstly we had a Sub-Committee, under the management of Vice Commodore Roger Bennett, working on the 50th Year Celebrations which has been enacted throughout 2013 with a small group working with Betty Morrison and combining the efforts of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Jonathan Crockett our Honorary Secretary. Betty took on the task of interviewing past Commodores and families to research our 50 years in ten year blocks.

Betty put together that wonderful 50th Anniversary Booklet that we launched at the 50th year luncheon at the Vue Grand Hotel in July and we combined that with the simultaneous launch of a DVD covering much of the history and photos that members have so generously given the club since its inception. My special thanks to Jonathan Crockett who despite limited knowledge of publishing did us all proud with the Anniversary Booklet ... a very big credit to Jonathan. Proves you are never too old to learn new tricks!!

The day was a brilliant success thanks most importantly again to the work of both our Lady Commodore Jill and Lady Vice Commodore Pam Bennett who diligently provided all the organisation and preparations for the day and indeed carried the day with very unique and topical table decorations, merchandise sales, auctions and more importantly a show bag for all to take away and enjoy at home. Our usual host in Bill Stubbs made a meal of it with interviews with three past Commodores and made the auctions a real hit but more importantly raising around \$2000 for Cottage by the Sea.

Indeed it would not have been a success without a few commercial donations that really allowed members wallets to open and gain some terrific results for themselves with hotel accommodation, wine package and framed prints with displays of our club.

2. Secondly we have a Sub-Group (not all committee), again under the management of Vice Commodore Roger Bennett, taking on the role of Building and Infrastructure which has taken an overall view of the Club house and its immediate surrounds toward a planned three year renovation of the fabric of the lounge, dining and recreational facilities. This group is coming

up with a fairly comprehensive but annually managed plan to budget our way through ensuing improvements that will have longevity and allow us to expand for our larger visitations over holidays and special celebrations.

Wharf Upgrades

Our wharf, as our major asset, continues to be targeted for expenditure on an annual basis to ensure it is maintained with purpose and to current standards for the load and use we put upon it.

This year we have seen strengthening on the southern wharf, which was as a result of advice from consulting engineers combined with a small number of volunteers in the middle of winter....and this is continuing with the north wharf including plans to redeck the north wharf. We are already working on sourcing the necessary materials and this is in the hands of our Honorary Life Member Rex Prosser along with a number of volunteers who will assist. Special thanks to Rex and I might say ...to Anne for all their hours of work. There was a round of applause for Rex and Anne.

Our Bar and Upstairs Lounge

Our upstairs bar area and decking has seen many activities and continues to be well utilised even during the season specially with cruises visiting QCYC and taking advantage of the views and mixing this with each other's company.

Cruising Group

Fortunately we have not had any significant major incidents such as last year, with our activities, including cruising around QCYC in the past year.

The Goorangai race from Brighton before Opening Day was a good test and pleasant race those who raced will attest.

The November Cup weekend was a great success although on Sunday the basis of a quality long weekend convinced all to stay in port at QCYC and enjoy rather than venture across the bay.

The dinner at Royal Geelong Yacht Club on Saturday had almost 60 members and friends attend in a BBQ but with kind weather it was the place to be. Mal Billing has it organised again for this coming November.

Our planned Easter cruise to St Leonards was aborted in poor conditions but our good friends at St. Leonard's Yacht Club are promising to look after us this year in providing all amenities in a great relationship which will strengthen with further visits and exchanges.

And as always there were reciprocal visits between the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and Queenscliff, and we saw visits from

- Royal Geelong Yacht Club for The RGYC Murray McAllister Perpetual Trophy,
- Hobsons Bay Yacht Club following their race down the bay,
- Royal Yacht Club of Victoria for the annual Phoenix Trophy Race,
- Royal Brighton Yacht Club at the end of the Alan Robinson Race and the
- Sandringham Yacht Club as part of their Benito's Treasure Race.

The Cruising Director in Mal Billings together with others seconded to the task has propelled some cruising activities and we are maintaining the effort to annually in February/March to get out there in Bass Strait and visit different locations.

Many thanks to Mal for a great job and congrats on his YV award for cruising including all the tasks undertaken between Sandringham and Queenscliff.

This last year again this was successful and was well supported by Royal Geelong and Sandringham yacht clubs. Additionally you can read an eventful account of Mal, Peter Geary and a few other intrepids who took on Tasmania's West Coast with success ... but the tale to be seen on the website is a must.

A number of other members and friends took on some if not all of the bi-annual Van Dieman's Land Circumnavigation on its 11th occasion and had some very good weather with sprinklings of other more formidable departures from the norm.

Working Bees

One of the things that is a large part of our volunteerism for all of us is the encouragement we get from all those of our members who turn up for working bees. There are only a couple a year and certainly the big one is coming up before Opening Day which will see the place turn into a social occasion over a BBQ to finish off. Many people see this as a once off to join with many old friends and have done so for many years. A tribute to all of us and volunteerism!

Orientation Days

The special orientation days continue to be a popular way we introduce new Members to the ins and outs of QCYC when we explain all the incidental items alongside the rules and regulations that govern our Club and attest to volunteerism as mentioned above. On each occasion we have seen somewhere near 15 and more new Members and their families attend and enjoy a BBQ lunch with us. The demonstration of our fire cart passes muster on each occasion and thankfully we have not found it necessary to use it in anger.

Newsletters and our Website

Again during this past twelve months we have authored a number of newsletters with topical information to make members aware of the goings on around the Club. As well as sending a number by "snail mail" (of which there are now only about 60), we are regularly publicising our activities and news about the Club through our website. The Committee and I thank our Past Commodore Ken Gayler for his role as Webmaster. This is important to us and hopefully to all Members in having information in one easily accessible spot without all that paper going around. I hope you enjoyed and read it with interest.

Yachting Victoria

As indicated last year this issue of membership is now dead and buried from the club's perspective. We are not continuing any dialog with YV and believe that there will be no representation from them.

Liquor License Changes

Many will remember that we indicated changes proposed in this area and indeed they were successful in passing through the Borough and Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation so that the "red line" of our license essentially contains all the grounds surrounding the club house and lawns ensuring we can safely and effectively manage this part of our responsibilities. This area now encompasses the mast to the water and north and south to the posts of the car park. Again we thank Jonathan Crockett for months of effort here and of course the obligatory excess payments to the Borough and Authorities to allow us to buy our way in.

Our Rules and By-Laws updated

Again, on behalf of all committee members I would thank Jonathan Crockett for his work in managing a big workload and keeping his eye on the ball continuously around our documentation, bylaws, rules and giving rise to changes, which you have seen as well, and ensuring the club maintains a sure footing in our policies. Much of this culminated in our Special General meeting mid year when we needed some focus on passing our modified Constitution before the authorities.

Jonathan's constant liaison with Past Commodore Ken Gayler who continues as our Web Master gives our Website presence and leverage when we discuss issues with our landlords in Parks Victoria and the Borough of Queenscliffe and insurers to name but a few.

On a Sad Note for the year

It was with sadness we heard of John "Curly" Robinson's passing in the last week of July after a long illness and incapacity. He was a champion of QCYC and its surrounds as well as resident for many years with the love of his life in Anna. On behalf of everyone we passed on our condolences to Anna and of course we duly toasted "Curly" at our celebration at the Vue Grand on the 21st July.

In Conclusion

I must personally thank our Lady Commodore Jill, my lovely wife, for her contribution to much of the success of what we have achieved this year particularly around the Xmas and New Year celebrations and the 50th luncheon in July when both her and Pam Bennett excelled themselves to make the 50th such a profound celebration for QCYC.

In a word this was a good year and thanks to all members, friends and families who stood together to make the year that was at QCYC even as we come to the conclusion of the 50th anniversary with our Opening Day in November.

Volunteerism is alive and well at QCYC in its absolutely unique position at the bottom of the bay! May it continue unabated!!

Thank you and fair sailing to you all.

Brian Golland – Commodore

There was a round of applause for Commodore Golland and Jill Golland and Vice Commodore Roger Bennett presented flowers to Jill Golland.

7. Treasurers Report

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Treasurer's Report for 2013. Copies of the audited financial accounts are available at this meeting.

The Club achieved a surplus of \$22,131 in 2013 compared to \$14,230 in 2012.

Receipts from Membership fees were only marginally higher in 2013, whereas income from wharfage and visitor fees were substantially higher, indicating greater participation from club visits during the course of the year.

Overall expenses were lower, but in part this is because we capitalized some wharf improvements costs. In recent years it has been usual to spend \$30-\$35,000 over the course of the year on maintenance and repairs to the causeway, roads and our wharves. Planned works on the wharves will continue during the current year and provision has been made for these costs.

Additionally the Committee is still considering options to upgrade the kitchen area and the dining room. If these works proceed, we are conscious that the Club will need to ensure that we have a healthy cash balance to fund the works.

Overall, the cash position of the Club is sound at the present time and we are well placed to be considering planned maintenance and improvements.

James Ide
Hon. Treasurer

Motion 1: That from the 1st July 2014 the Application Fee, Joining Fee, the Boat Register Joining Fee, the annual Boat Register Fee and Subscription for each category of membership (inclusive of GST) be confirmed as listed.

Proposed: James Ide
Resolved: by show of hands

Seconded: Peter Geary

Motion 2 : That the financial statements for 2012-2013 prepared by the Club in accordance with Sections 101 and 102 of the Act be confirmed.

Proposed: James Ide
Resolved: by show of hands

Seconded: Sheryl Gray

8. Election of Office Bearers and General Committee

Nominations received were as follows:

COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
HON. TREASURER
HON. SECRETARY

Roger Bennett
John Mooney
Lee Renfree
James Ide
Jonathan Crockett

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Peter Stow
Richard Lowe
Peter Climas
Naomi Wilbraham

Phillip Armitage
Sheryl Gray
John Gleeson
Brian Phillips

As the number of nominations for General Committee Members does not exceed the positions available an election will not be held. The Commodore declared the listed Flag Officers and Committee Members elected.

The outgoing Commodore thanked outgoing members of the committee and then presented burgees to incoming flag officers. He then welcomed the new Commodore and handed over the meeting to the new Commodore. The new Commodore presented the Outgoing Commodore with his burgee. Member Darryl Morrison explained the significance of markings on the Flag Officer's burgees.

9. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Motion: That Mr Andrew Green be re-appointed as the Club's Honorary Solicitor.

Proposed: Jonathan Crockett
Resolved: by show of hands

Seconded: Bill Stubbs

10. **Motion:** that the next AGM be held at RGYC on Tuesday 7th October 2014

Proposed: Roger Bennett
Resolved: by show of hands

Seconded: Stephen Renfree

11. General Business

Clubhouse improvement program

Vice Commodore John Mooney introduced Richard Lowe who outlined a master plan for upgrading the clubhouse which was displayed in colour drawings on the wall.

It was explained that a major expansion of the clubhouse would involve planning approval and this in turn would only be obtained if the floor of the clubhouse was raised by around 0.8 m to meet a requirement to build above the current 1 in 100 year flood level.

Therefore, a major upgrade will be neither practical nor affordable. However, small extensions of under 20 m² will be possible.

Initial works proposed are to establish a new semi-commercial kitchen area in the southern end of the existing lounge. This will generate more useable space. The bosun's locker will be utilised for fridges and a container will be placed at the north end of the site for storage.

Other short term works will include removing the central wall dividing the lounge and foyer and asbestos removal from areas of the building to be renovated.

Longer term works will include further asbestos removal as required moving the staircase to the east side, expanding the female toilets, moving the external stairs to the west, additional shading and veranda area upstairs and downstairs, moving the bar store upstairs and moving the bar to the south end of the upstairs lounge.

Detailed plans will be completed for the kitchen shortly and input from members will be welcome.

The Commodore invited questions and comments on clubhouse development or other matters.

One member asked about asbestos removal. A quote for removal of \$15000 has been obtained but there is additional cost for preparation and reinstatement. Thus the plan is to do the work in stages.

One member asked if our objective was to attract new members. The Commodore responded that this is so and our current membership is around 400 and our rules allow 500.

One member suggested that the boat register fee be removed and wharfage fees for all members increased. The Commodore responded that the committee will consider this but the income from boat registration is important as it raises about \$22 000 per year. Other discussion on this suggestion include the risk of putting wharfage fees up. It was noted that wharfage fees are fixed to July 2015.

Members asked if initial work will involve raising the floor of the building. The answer was no and since the building probably only has a further life of 15 to 20 years, complying with current planning rules will require major expenditure as part of long term development.

The Commodore then thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

12. Meeting Closed at 21:10

Motion 1:

That from the 1st July 2014 the Application Fee, Joining Fee, the Boat Register Joining Fee, the annual Boat Register Fee and Subscription for each category of membership (inclusive of GST) be confirmed as listed:

i. Annual Subscription	Current (1st July 13)	Proposed (1st July 14)
Senior Member	\$ 190.00	\$200.00
Forty Year Member	\$ 190.00	\$200.00
Disabled Member Concession	\$70.00	\$70.00
Intermediate Member (age 18 to 29)	\$60.00	\$65.00
Junior / Student Member	N/A	N/A
Honorary Member	Nil	Nil
Honorary Life Member	Nil	Nil
Family Member (per Family)	\$ 285.00	\$300.00
Absentee Member	\$110.00	\$120.00
Emeritus Senior Member	\$100.00	\$100.00
Causeway User & Dinghy Storage	\$ 65.00	\$70.00
Gold 10 Year Senior Membership	N/A	N/A
Gold 10 Year Family Membership	N/A	N/A
ii. Joining Fee	Current	Proposed
Junior / Student Member	N/A	N/A
Senior Member	\$ 220.00	\$220.00
Family Member (per Family)	\$275.00	\$275.00
Intermediate Member (zero if transfer from family)	\$70.00	\$70.00
iii. Boat Register	Current	Proposed
Boat Joining Fee	\$190.00	\$190.00
Annual Boat Registration Fee (includes dinghy storage)	\$94.00	\$100.00
Boat Joining Fee for Intermediate Member	\$60.00	\$60.00
Dinghy Registration Fee (Member)	Nil	Nil
iv. Application Fee	Current	Proposed
Application Fee	Nil	Nil
Proposed: James Ide	Seconded:	

Motion 2:

That the financial statements for 2012-2013 prepared by the Club in accordance with Sections 101 and 102 of the Act be confirmed.

Proposed: James Ide Seconded: