



All On Board

Sailability Shorncliffe, Sailing for people with disability

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Welcome On Board

Welcome to the latest edition of the Sailability Shorncliffe Newsletter bringing you the highlights, stories and updates from Term 3!! This term was somewhat disrupted with building works and renovations made to QCYC. The club made significant improvements, particularly with respect to a concrete wheelchair ramp leading from outside the meeting room to the toilets. The disabled toilet has also been upgraded.

Metrics

We shut down for 5 weeks while the renovations were carried out, so in total 5 operating days and 6 cancelled days.

DISABLED CLIENTS:

212 (an average of 42 per day)

VOLUNTEERS:

Average of 41 per day

This was the first time we operated on a school holiday, primarily at the request of our carers/clients.

During the shutdown we held 2 free sausage sizzle breakfasts on the Sandgate foreshore for our clients, carers and volunteers. Both were well attended with around 50 people in attendance.

Activities

We have joined forces with St Patricks College who have 38 students from years 7 and 8, who wish to give back to the community by way of volunteering. We have 8 students coming down each week to assist us over a 5-week period during terms 3 and 4. They are a great help and love the water activities we provide



Peter Kearney and the St Patricks College students

Grants

2 grants were approved during the term..

- Kedron Wavell Services Club provided \$5,000 for 5 sets of new sails.
- The Lilley Volunteers Grant provided \$1,000 for 4 new radios.



Peter Kearney and Rick Cutler receiving our Kedron Wavell Services Club grant



Some photos of our volunteers & clients who attended our Breakfasts on the Sandgate Foreshore during the renovation period

Fundraising

The Sands Social Club donated \$1,560 which was raised through their Community Tip jar.

We ran 2 x raffles to support our involvement at the Einbunpin festival and the Backyard Bonanza which is run by the Bracken Ridge Lions Club. Both were very successful as a result of our volunteers sourcing prizes donated from local businesses.



Monster Raffle Prize –
Signed Dolphins Jersey

Promotion

We attended the Einbunpin Festival Sandgate at the end of July. Attendance figures were in excess of 20,000, giving us great exposure.

We talked to many people and have added 3 new volunteers to our team as a result. We also sold a lot of our Monster Raffle tickets on the day.

We also attended the Backyard Bonanza at the Bracken Ridge Lions facility at McPherson Park. Around 6,000 in attendance.



Some of our volunteers and local politicians out front of our Gazebo at the Einbunpin Festival

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 8th September. We have 4 new members on the committee, plus a new Vice President – Rick Cutler.

We are looking forward to working with the new team.

And we are looking forward to seeing you all in our 4th and final term of the year.

Yours faithfully

Peter Kearney
President - Sailability Shorncliffe

