



All On Board

Sailability Shorncliffe, Sailing for people with disability

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Welcome On Board

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the [Sailability Shorncliffe Newsletter](#). This newsletter has been created to keep our community connected and informed, and to recognise the supporters, partners and people who make our operations possible.

Mission and Values

Statement

We have established our Mission and Value Statement for our Shorncliffe operations and have attached it for your perusal.

Metrics

We operated safely on 7 out of a possible 9 days during this term. There were 2 days when the weather was not suitable.

TOTAL DISABLED CLIENTS:

326 (an average of 47 per day)

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS:

302 (an average of 43 per day)

Fundraising

We ran 2 BBQs for the SANDS SOCIAL, one on New Years Eve and the other on Valentines Day.

On the 22nd March we ran the Train Day BBQ at Macpherson Park Bracken Ridge, for the BRACKEN RIDGE LIONS who celebrated 30 years of operation on that day.



BBQ Crew at the Bracken Ridge Lions train day

Supporters

The [UBUNTU FOUNDATION](#) and [ENERGEX](#) were the major financial contributors towards a new 60HP motor for our pontoon boat. [MERCURY MARINE](#) at Coorparoo provided us with the motor and have provided excellent sales and service to us over many years now. Thank you to the 3 of you for your incredible support during this project.



New Mercury 60HP motor for our Pontoon Boat

[MUSTO AUSTRALIA](#) provided us with a very generous discount to purchase sunblock polos for additional volunteers. This was on top of the 15 they had previously donated last year.

[HIP POCKET](#) Lawnton also provided great discounts on sun hats and logo embossing for us.

Supporters (continued)

ONE EARTH AUSTRALIA donated a chemical/petrol spill kit for our shed where we store the petrol for our power boats and tractor. The bunding to store our full jerry cans of petrol was custom made and donated by the brother of one of our volunteers.

Peter Mulcahy,
Ian Brown,
Johnathan
Routhan and
Donna Wenham
with our donated
One Earth Spill Kit



The **SANDS SOCIAL** through their community Tip Jar program made an extremely generous donation to Sailability.

The **QUEENSLAND CRUISING YACHT CLUB**, our wonderful hosts for our operating activities, have now entered into a shared Containers for Change agreement with respect to the proceeds and sorting. They supply a lot of containers from the bar and restaurant, while our clients' carers and volunteers also provide many containers.

The **SANDGATE GUIDE** provided a full page article on our operations in the March edition, under the heading, COMMUNITY SUPPORT – BRINGS JOY on the WATER. Thanks to Jodie Morphet and her team.

The **DEAGON BULK MEATS** business provides sausages every week we operate for our volunteers, carers and clients. They are truly great community supporters, and I encourage the locals to support their business.

Activities

Sailability Shorncliffe attended the inaugural FLOURISH and THRIVE Brain Injury expo at Narangba. This gave us good exposure to a new client base.

We were also donated a new Dinghy from our Gold Coast operations in February and delivered to us by Sailability Graceville. We now have 9 dinghies in our fleet and are now able to facilitate more clients during our operations.

During the term several of our committee members visited our Manly Bayside operations and gained valuable insights and ideas for Sailability Shorncliffe.

Volunteers

During the term 11 new volunteers joined us and now contribute in various ways.

An NDIS training module was made available to all volunteers so we can understand the needs of our disabled clients and communicate with them in a more meaningful way. To date 20 of our volunteers have completed the course.

On the 19th of January we held our annual training and maintenance day in preparation for the year ahead. This was followed by a general meeting attended by 36 volunteers. A number of 10 and 15 year service awards were presented to our volunteers that day.



Andrew Milne in the new Dinghy 'Mandy'

There are many other supporters that help us fund our operations and I thank you all sincerely.

In conclusion, all our management decisions are based on:

CLIENT WELFARE AND SAFETY

VOLUNTEER WELFARE

FINANCIAL ABILITY

Yours faithfully

Peter Kearney
President - Sailability Shorncliffe

