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President's Annual Report...

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Like 2008 this year has also been a very hectic one for me personally. Once again due to various commitments and health issues I have not been able to dedicate as much time to AFAQ as I would have liked. For this reason I have decided not to run for the Presidents position and allow someone that may be able to dedicate more time & energy than myself to step in.

As usual the committee has given excellent support when needed and for this I thank them. A big thank you to Secretary Patrick McShane. It is not always apparent but a lot of work is done by the Secretary behind the scenes. Pat also filled the position of Newsletter Editor.

Also to Treasurer Alan who keeps a close watch on the finances and pulls us into line when required. For the major part of the year Alan also managed the Cottage Bookings.

As Vice President and Club Captain Ricky was often called upon to fill in as chairman when I was absent from meetings. Ricky also put a lot of planning into organizing fishing competitions, trying to work around tides and club activities. One of the highlights of the year was the establishment of the Mathewson Memorial Shield, an annual event competed with Southport AFA. Whilst Ricky couldn't arrange the weight to go our way we are hopeful of revenge next event.

Thanks to Jim Attard for his role as Cottage Chairman and also to Ian Venning having taken over the role in recent months. Cottage and ground maintenance are always ongoing. Jim also has an ability for organizing a feeding frenzy with his chef's talents being unquestionable. Thanks Jimmy on behalf of many well satisfied members.

The balance of the Committee was made up of Graeme Dowd, Peter Johnstone & Bob Newberry. Thanks gentlemen for your ongoing support and commitment. A special mention to Graeme Dowd whom we rely on to keep the Beer Fridge well in stock. I don't know of any occasion where it has run out so he must be doing something right.

During the year, as a funds raiser, we kicked off a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Lawnton. Unfortunately we had to abandon this activity as we were not getting enough support from members. So at this stage the only fund raisers we have are two raffles, the first being drawn at the AGM and second at the Xmas party. So being our only major fund raiser, apart from Cottage accommodation, it is important that these raffles are well supported.

Last meeting members took a vote on the Cottage Redevelopment. The direction we will be taking is to raise the Cottage, stabilize on steel beams and concrete under with the view of utilizing the area under the Cottage. Of course progress will be dependant upon Council requirements, Government grant and clubs finances after receipt of accurate costings. The last two weeks have seen the site for the Bribie Museum being cleared so we should start to see construction commence shortly. There was a possibility that Council was going to cancel the programme due to budgets but I believe that it is now all go ahead.

In closing I wish to thank all members for their support over the past 12 months and ask that you continue this support with the newly elected committee.

Graeme Goodall
President.

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Treasurer's Summary Report for Financial Year July 2008 to June 2009

It is pleasing to report that the club's income exceeded its expenditure by over 37% in the first financial year operating without the benefit of the weekly hotel raffle.

The club's fishing events were mostly cost-neutral through self-funding (users pay) and are sustainable. This means that the club can conduct any number of fishing events (whether competition or social) without imposing a financial burden on the club.

The cottage accommodation income fell just below its direct operating expenses, which excluded maintenance, repairs and replacements to the cottage and grounds. The cottage vacancies continue to outnumber the cottage bookings throughout the year. Essential repairs and replacements to cottage equipment such as the stove were funded from subscriptions.

Bank interest almost covered the costs of insurance. Other costs were funded from subscriptions.

The club remained financially secure with a bank reserve sufficient to undertake cottage essential maintenance and accommodation improvements necessary to attract increased bookings.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who tirelessly provided their voluntary services throughout the year for club fundraising activities to ensure a sustainable club to enjoy long into the future.

Alan Peiniger
Hon. Treasurer 2008-2009

Annual Report from Ricky Bennett (Club Captain)

Well once again we are at our AGM and with that comes a changing of the guard. It has been enjoyable being the fishing captain as it is a challenge to select a variety of comp's to suite everybody's tastes and especially with our Bribie beaches and a large sheltered passage for our boat comp's and our large dam's which once again we see full of water again.

Sadly we lost our Straddie comp due to losing our discounted housing this comp gave the rock hopper's a chance to get good quality sea bream maybe in the future we can organize a camp there. It has also been my privilege to see a new comp the Matho shield which we contest with AFA Southport, and is going to prove a good event in the future. Not to mention our Jumpinpin comp which is always a favourite along with Mud Island, which is slow getting off the mark.

I thank all members who regularly compete in our events and hope more members soon get involved with us.

In closing I would like to mention our Junior's who are all keen to get a wet line and are all looking forward to the Succession Shield in October .

Thank you all once again and tight lines.

Regards
Ricky Bennett

Annual Report from Ian Venning (Cottage Chairman)

I have only been Cottage Chairman for a few weeks and I hope to carry on the good work of others before me. It was good to see at the meeting in July (I unfortunately was not there) that the members voted a way forward to ensure the cottage continues to be a good comfortable place for members to stay as a group of fishos or with their families. We now have the task of making this happen within our financial resources whether it be with government help or not. We also may have the issue of heritage listing. We have no idea of the impact that this may have on us but I cannot see it as being beneficial. I know we have some good initiatives happening already with new steel shelving being obtained which will get rid of the white ant problem in our under house storage. Hope to see as many members as possible at the AGM

Ian Venning

Annual Report from Patrick McShane (Secretary)

The last 12 months has been fairly intensive with the administrating of the cottage redevelopment decision process. There have been numerous committee meetings and newsletter publications including questionnaires, feedback of responses and the preparation of the final vote. A lot of members put in a fair bit of time contributing to the discussion and thanks also to the cottage redevelopment sub-committee for their efforts. Overall the process went well.

It's now up to members to support the decision and make it happen.

It has been a pleasure to prepare the newsletter and the website and to write a few articles here and there that I know a lot of you have enjoyed.

The 2008/09 committee has been great to be on and a lot was achieved.

Finally, go the B-Team and good luck to the A-Team.

Patrick McShane
AFAQ Secretary

Outcome of recent cottage redevelopment vote

At the 4 July general meeting the cottage redevelopment motions were decided.

Motion 1 - To "Raise and reposition the cottage, reinforce with steel beams and refurbish underneath" was decided in the negative with 2 votes for and 30 votes against.

Motion 2 – To "Raise the cottage at its present position, reinforce with steel beams" was carried with 16 votes for and 16 votes against, with the chairman (President – Graeme Goodall) having the casting vote and voted in favour of the motion.

The AFAQ shall now proceed with the objective to level the floor, replace stumps, raise floor level, and concrete floor under cottage, with the view of progressively fitting out under cottage on an as needs basis (toilet, storage, junior members quarters, museum display area, boat storage). Subject to finances, subject to grant funding, subject to council approval, subject to Heritage council approval if required

Outcome of vote to oppose Heritage listing

During the 13 June general meeting it was moved by Neville Lindsay and seconded by Noel Gorman and carried that the following motion be put to members at the general meeting held on 4 July 2009.

"That the Association oppose the heritage listing of the Douglas J Ogilby Cottage."

This matter was decided by vote and resulted in the negative with 11 votes for and 20 votes against.

Email

If you have email and are receiving the newsletter by post please provide you're email so the club can save money on postage. Email your details to afaq@afaq.org.au.

Person Of Talent Award

At the general meeting the "Person Of Talent" Award was presented to all the members who stayed on the house boat at Jumpinpin trip... sounds like they had a good time.

Cottage Bookings

Graham Dowd is now looking after the cottage bookings. Call Graeme during work hours on 3408 4225.

Please ensure you have filled out the visitors log book when staying in residence.

AFAQ 2009 Event Calendar

Date	Event	Loaction	Type
7 February 2009	Round 1 - Championship	Bribie	Beach only
7 March 2009	Working Bee	Bribie	
14 March 2009	Round 2 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
3 April 2009	cancelled	Bribie	Beach / boat
2 May 2009	Round 3 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
13 June 2009	Patron's Shield	Bribie	Boat only
19 June 2009	Round 4 - Championship & Matho Shield	Jumpinpin	Beach / boat
4 July 2009	Working Bee	Bribie	
11 July 2009	Round 5 - Championship	Mud Island	
1 August 2009	AGM	Bribie	
8 August 2009	Round 6 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
5 September 2009	Round 7 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
October (tba)	Round 8 - Championship & Succession Shield	Bribie	Shore / boat
7 November 2009	Round 9 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
5 December 2009	Christmas Party	Bribie	

Next Meeting

The next meeting is the AGM to be held at 9:00am **1 August** at the cottage followed by a general meeting.
