



THE MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB
ESTABLISHED 1946

Slipway Forum

18 December 2018

OPENING MESSAGE

The Slipway is a significant part of our infrastructure and operations; the course we take is an important matter that deserves member feedback. The Board looks forward to working with members on the direction we take with the Slipway. That is our culture. It is also important that the Board provides leadership, particularly on a matter of such importance. To that we trust the process we have documented below and intend to follow will make our club stronger as we determine the best ways forward together.

FROM THE OUTSET

Our CEO, Wayne Holdsworth, will *Chair* the forum tonight and speak of taking an impartial view. Wayne will encourage us to work together in a respectful dialogue. The first forum is purposed to share information so we are *all on the same page*. Members will be updated on the current condition of the slipway and be advised how they may access key information and provide feedback. There will be time for questions at the end of each section below.

CURRENT CONDITION OF THE SLIPWAY

Our understanding of the *condition of the slipway* is based on accurate evidence and professional opinion being:

- a) Industrial Divers *Underwater Survey*, dated 5 November 2018
- b) Australian Ports & Marinas *Report*, dated 10 December 2018

Mr Peter Dawson of Australian Ports & Marinas will attend the Slipway Forum and will speak about the report. Questions may be asked of Mr Dawson.

Within the conclusion of the report the following is noted.

The condition of the slipway as is, is such that it is no longer safe to use the slipway to launch or retrieve vessels. There exists the very real chance of a significant and major collapse when a vessel and cradle load a deteriorated pile and headstock group (pile bent).

The underwater survey (in the form of a video) and report, along with other key information is available for members and due to the range of information is best made available in electronic format.

WE HAVE OPTIONS

The Australian Ports & Marinas report talks of *options*. Each option has been costed with an indication of the design life. The direction we take *may* require the implementation of one of these options.

INTERRELATED MATTERS

The Slipway impacts or is impacted by the following items:

- a) Safety
- b) Environment
- c) Finances
- d) Operations
- e) Members

While other items could be included these are recognised as *significant*. As such, Wayne will speak briefly to each and highlight the need to understand them when considering a future direction for the Slipway.

It is a complicated issue.

MEMBERS

To fully engage members we are asking you to submit your feedback officially so that it may be shared and considered. We are also mindful that members may be well positioned to document a *preferred direction that considers the interrelated matters*; this is encouraged and welcomed.

The feedback will assist the Board determine a *consensus*. We note member feedback has already started and will be included; for those this is an opportunity to review your feedback in light of the latest information.

PROCESS

The Members Forum is a sharing of information session with an invitation to members to provide feedback and/or document a preferred direction. The feedback is due **1st February 2019** and can be submitted to our office. The feedback will be made available to all members shortly after.

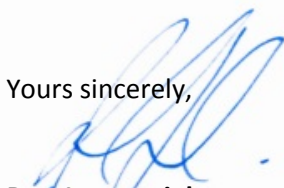
Once the Board has reviewed the feedback a second forum will be announced that will include the Boards observations and if a general consensus, in full or parts, can be identified.

If the Board receives workable and well supported feedback that is in two or more different directions it may resolve that a member vote is appropriate to decide the way forward.

SHARING INFORMATION

The video and report, together with the information referred to tonight, is available to members. It will be a requirement that each member requests the information in writing and acknowledge the material is to be kept confidential to the club and its members. Note: A hard copy of the Australian Ports & Marinas report is available tonight or can be requested by calling the office.

Yours sincerely,



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