KMYC – Your Club

October 2026 ~ Commodore's Newsletter

It has been a fantastic start to the new boating season, and I thought it was time for a quick update on what has been happening around the Club. There is plenty going on at KMYC, both on and off the water, and it is great to see the Club looking busy and vibrant again.

Opening Day 2026

What a fantastic Opening Day!

With around 200 guests joining us, it was one of the largest Opening Day attendances on record. The KMYC lawns looked fantastic and provided the perfect setting for an afternoon of wonderful food, drinks and, most importantly, great company.

The Sail Past was another highlight, with more than 25 boats taking part. A big congratulations to Jeff Walton for leading the fleet so well and Rob HJ, our sailing master, for coordinating the Sail Past. It was a great sight seeing the boats pass in front of the Club and take the salute from Silver Cloud, the Commodore's boat. A big thank you to Robert Hunter for making the classic boat available and for James Hunter for skippering her. Did you know that Silver Cloud was also the salute boat at the KMYC opening day 50 years ago?





It was particularly pleasing to see so many families and young people attending. KMYC is a family boating club and seeing the next generation enjoying the Club and getting involved is something we should all be pleased with.

Congratulations also to all our raffle and auction prize winners. Also a very big thank you to our generous donors who continue to support the Club. And a big thank you to our wonderful first time auctioneer, Leanne Chandler, from Marine Rescue. I think we all agree she did an outstanding job and raised money for KMYC and MR Cottage Point.



We received lots of comments about how beautiful the Club looked and how well the event was run. That doesn't happen by accident! Thank you to the Achievers and Keith Davidson for all your effort.

A huge thank you to our Social Committee and Georgia for all the work that went into making the day such a success — from the preparation and setup prior to the event, the setup on the day itself and, of course, the cleanup afterwards.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to put on an event of this size, and it is very much appreciated.

All in all, it was a wonderful day and a great way to officially start another boating season at KMYC.

Projects Changes Around the Club

There is plenty happening around the grounds, with a number of projects underway to improve the Club and make it an even better place for members.



Pool to Kiosk Pathway

The upgrade of the pool to kiosk pathway is underway and is being managed by director, David Browne. We have received council approval (after a detailed arborist report) to remove a few trees on the side of the walkway which were at risk of falling into the slipway area. David has costed up various options and will be working with our engineer to ensure compliance to the various building codes. Please feel free to talk to him about the work and thank him for the hard work.

Front Entrance

We also plan to upgrade the Club's front entrance, with Director Louis Res managing the project. The entrance is the first thing visitors see when they arrive at KMYC, so this will make a noticeable difference to the appearance of the Club. The early thoughts are to widen the gate entrance (easier access for trucks), upgrade the pedestrian access and erect sandstone walls to make a statement. This will require a council approved DA so it may take a bit of time to work through.

Security / Access Upgrade

At the same time Louis is also managing the Club's security / access upgrade, which includes improvements to our CCTV, access technology and intercom systems. The aim is to move to one digital system so waterfront staff can easily monitor and grant access to visitors and improve security around the Club. We are looking at improved access technology so members can approach in their cars (with their mobile phone) and the gates will open – and save the "long arm" reach with the fob at the gate entrance.

Slipway Spill Protection



The new slipway bunding system, that captures, processes and cleans slipway collected waste (e.g. from antifouling or washing down boats) has been finally completed. The system utilizes the latest technology and has been approved by Northern Beaches Council. The new system was commissioned in June and the shipwright is now actively utilizing.

Additional to this we are looking to install a new floating slipway boom / skirt system that will ensure no contaminants can enter the waterway from the slip especially at extreme high tides. This is an important environmental and operational improvement and will provide better protection for our pristine waterway.

You may have noticed that we have purchased and sited numerous spill kits (e.g. on the dock and outside the waterfront office). Waterfront staff have been trained in usage and deployment.

Additionally we have purchased a floating boom that can be deployed around any boat should we need to contain a boat that is leaking contaminants.

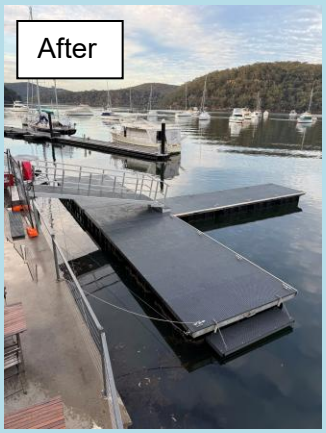
At KMYC we take our stewardship of the waterways very seriously. We are working to make sure we do everything we can to keep the waterways clean. Keith Davidson is actively managing the upgrades to our slipway spill-protection arrangements. Thank you Keith.

A big thank you to David, Louis, Keith and everyone else involved in these projects. A lot of Club improvements rely on members putting their hands up and taking responsibility for getting things done.

Kiosk Pontoon

You may have noticed the kiosk now has a new pontoon and gangway. This work was completed whilst Trent and Angela we enjoying a well-earned holiday. Thanks go to our past Commodore Bruce Quick who secured a grant to pay for a significant amount of the expenditure.





Whilst on the kiosk area you will notice that the Kiosk aging ice box has been removed from the waterfront and replaced with a smaller ice box which is located near where the cars park.



Additionally a new colourbond kiosk fence (along the walkway to the kiosk and in the lower car parking area) has been erected. Also the kiosk storage container has been relocated to the far side of the car park area and crash barriers installed to limit the risk of trucks crashing over the ledge.

Master Plan

Over the last year a small team consisting of Tom and Kobi Simmat, Richard Hunt, David Browne and Chis Jenkins have been working on a Master Plan to help position KMYC for the future. The Board recently met to review the work so far and agree guidelines / priorities to take this work forward. Bruce Quick has offered to drive this forward. The approach will be to involve more members (via surveys and discussions). A big thank you to all involved.

NPWS Lease / Licence Negotiations

One of the more significant pieces of work currently underway is our negotiation with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) regarding the Club's waterfront encroachments and moorings.

The objective is to secure:

- a new lease covering the Kiosk building, kiosk and shipwright pontoons and decking area;
- a renewed licence covering the Founders Lounge building, slipway, main pontoon and Marine Rescue pontoon.
- a renewed licence for the mooring field. Note we are also attempting to get more moorings for the Club.

There has been considerable work done behind the scenes to get us to this point. KMYC has now signed a Deed of Negotiation with NPWS and has provided NPWS with:

- an overall site survey (especially focused on everything near the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM). NPWS own the waters below the MHWM.
- a subdivision plan / survey detailing the proposed lease area;
- a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) Report detailing how the lease / licences effect the area;
- an encroachment asset valuation (i.e. how much we should pay);
- overall site diagrams for incorporation into the proposed lease and licence documentation.
- a marine engineer report on optimization of the mooring field

We are now waiting for NPWS to provide its draft contract, which will allow the negotiations to move to the next stage.

This is a critical matter for the long-term future of KMYC. Without it we don't have a boating club! There is still much work to be done, but it is very pleasing to see the process.

Upcoming Member Events

There are some great social events coming up, so make sure you keep an eye on the Club calendar and get involved.

Film Night - 7th November

Our Film Night is coming up — a great opportunity to enjoy a relaxed night on the lawn at the Club with fellow members. Please RSVP to Georgia if you'd like to come along.

Christmas Party – 12th December

It won't be long before we are talking about Christmas, and the KMYC Christmas Party will be another great opportunity to get together and celebrate the year.

Pontoon Dinner - TBD

Looking a little further ahead, we will be holding our Pontoon Dinner early next year. The Pontoon Dinner has become a great KMYC tradition. The last being the Greek themed event, complete with smashing plates. It was a great success and we are looking forward to another enjoyable evening with members and friends.

A Word from the Commodore

It is great to see the Club being used and enjoyed by members more actively as the boating season gets underway. There is plenty happening, both socially and with the various projects around the grounds. A big thank you to all the members who volunteer their time and to the staff that help keep KMYC moving forward.

As always, if you see something that needs doing, don't just walk past it — let someone know!

After all, there is an old boating saying: "A boat is a hole in the water into which you pour money." At KMYC, we also have plenty of holes around the Club to keep us busy!

I look forward to seeing everyone around the Club and, hopefully, on the water over the coming months.

Happy boating!

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