

President's Report for 2014

AGM Saturday 22 February 2014

Members, it is that time again. Your AGM is being held on 22 February so if you are able to make it, it would be great to see you there. We have some members who have indicated they will be retiring from the committee and like any other committee, new blood is a good thing. If you are interested in joining the committee please let a current committee member know.

With the passing of long time Auditor Mac Butts, our Accountant John Billing has confirmed he is happy to become our Auditor and we are grateful for that. We welcome Michael Cheyne on board who has kindly taken on the role of Accountant. Our thanks to you both.

You will see from the financial accounts that the club remains in a comfortable financial position. However, there are plans in the pipeline to upgrade the men's ablution block and the cottage and thus, to assist with some of the future maintenance it has been necessary to increase the room rate by a small amount. The last increase was quite some time ago and I am sure most of you will agree that \$20 per night is still a very reasonable fee and that keeping the facilities well maintained is a very high priority.

As in any Club there are members who willingly choose to attend to chores that they see need attention and some who just don't think about it or think "someone else will do it". I wish to extend a huge thank you to those of you who make the extra effort. Some of us are passionate about the club and what it gives us and for that reason it is not difficult to do a little extra in return.

I wish to extend my thanks to the committee for the commitment they make in keeping our club the great place it is. Without their continued dedication and efforts we would not have the facilities that we do. To those committee members who have indicated they will retire from the committee after the AGM, a very special thank you for your great work. Some of you have been on the committee for a very long time and your contributions have been invaluable. Change is a good thing and creates an opportunity for new thinking and younger thoughts and ideas to come on board.

Mary, you are a Gem. Without your patience, planning, caring, loving, thoughtfulness and strength, where would we be? You are the King Pin holding everything together on-site. Thank you. Thank You. Tom, we thank you for the support you give Mary. The two of you are a great Team.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to have had the opportunity to be president of this fine Club. I have other commitments in my busy schedule which have been neglected a bit over the past two years and I am keen to pick those up again so I have chosen not to stand for a third year. The two years have been a challenge, exciting and sometimes controversial and I have enjoyed most of that time. My special appreciation goes to those on the committee who have clearly given me support and guidance when at times the job was particularly challenging. I thank you. To those of you who set out to make the job a challenge, I thank you too. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring out the determination in me.

Being President is not about trying to make a bigger impression than the previous President. It is about the opportunity to take responsibility and more importantly to "give something back" to this wonderful facility. Remember, it is not one person who manages the welfare of the club.

I am confident TALTAC will remain in good stead in the hands of the new President and incoming committee. All the Best for a great 2014 fishing season and a happy and healthy year to you personally.

Marion Hall
PRESIDENT