

### **Commodore's 2017 Annual General Meeting Report**

Over past year we have faced the challenge of recruiting a new Manager & Head Chief resulting in the appointment of Phil Keogh as General Manager & more recently Dennis Matthews as Head Chief.

It pleasing to be swept along with the infectious enthusiasm that Phil has brought to our Club and I'm sure that you all have experienced his warm welcome at some time.

Phil's challenge is to "lift the game" of our staff, service levels & financial results so member's visits are an enjoyable experience with revenue for future growth.

It's now time to start planning for utilisation of the old kitchen area by extending the bar & providing better office facilities for staff who are enduring congested working conditions. A little more on this item in "General Business"

On the fishing front, we enjoyed a late Game season with 28 Marlin caught plus one Shortbill Spearfish. It also good to see return of the Yellowfin Tuna however our involvement was limited to courtesy weighs for affiliated Clubs

Our A1 Homes Classic & Nauti Girls Tournaments where successful as an event however the fishing results proved elusive. For the future, it's important that these events be "Marketed" to a target audience as we are competing for the recreational dollar with plenty of other entertainment options on offer.

Two significant functions where held during the year.

In September, we hosted the AGM of NZSFC and the feedback from Delegates throughout NZ has been that we turned on a memorable experience which was a big improvement on past years.

Secondly in March we hosted a forum discussion on "Seachange" involving our local MP, Mayors Politicians, Iwi & Legasea plus interested fishers from various clubs with a total audience of approx. 150. This was an enormous success & will be the fore runner of further meetings around the Coromandel. It was extremely pleasing with the dignity that both audience & speakers displayed. On such a divisive topic, it would have been easy for the meeting to degenerate into a slanging match

To my Committee, I wish to express special thanks for your participation over the past two years. Your contribution is much appreciated with our Club being well positioned for the future.

We are fortunate to have 2 new Committee Members coming on board this year, Earl Stewart & Moira Davies so welcome and we look forward to your involvement.

To our members, thank you for having me as your Commodore for the past two years. I'm confident the Club is in a positive position for future

I welcome Diane as our new Commodore and note that our Club once again leads with the first appointment of a female Commodore of a NZ Sports Fishing Club in NZ

In closing I once again remind Members, to please support Legasea to ensure we leave a fruitful fishing experience for future generations

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