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It seems everyone is enjoying the quiet of late and with this great early Spring weather – why not. The slipways are open again albeit in a limited fashion and I'm pleased to announce our 2020-21 financials have been presented to the auditor in preparation for publication.

Our recent board meeting had our attention focussed on changes to access resulting from the continuously changing health regulations and: -

- the marina
- financial report
- which bank is most suitable?
- public liability
- facility allocation processes
- finalising Ocean 21
- several maintenance issues

In addition to the very complex treasury, Phil Cornwell is our point of contact with RMS, and he has submitted applications for moorings as follows:

- Mackerel Beach
- Scotland Island
- Clareville
- Patonga
- Hardy's Bay
- Salt Pan Cove

The big question for PAC today is what we need to focus on, so I'll summarise:

#### Southern Sea wall:

The sea wall was filled with surplus concrete many years ago and needs repair.



#### The Ramp

The ramp is less than desirable, I reckon I'm not the only person who cannot launch at low tide and gratefully I'm not one of the unfortunates who have dropped a trailer over the end of the ramp:



### Ramp Continued:

Number 2 slip uses the ramp and as a result it is tide dependant. Improving the ramp angle would facilitate slipping boats more often as well as improving the launch and recovery of trailer boats. (The ramp should run at the same grade as slip 1.)



### Speaking of Slips

As the slip cradles corrode, we pull them apart, sand blast, repair and re-galvanise them, eventually they will be end of life in perhaps 5 or 10 years. We need to plan for the demise of the cradles and look for a suitable alternative.



### Facilities

Sitting behind all of this we need to make more facilities available to more of us hence the desire to increase marina berths, moorings etc.



These are the issues where we will invest our time and effort.

### Succession planning

If you are interested in contributing to the PAC's administration, you might want to consider a support role for one of our board functions. If you have skills in accounting, secretarial, IT, communications, facilities management, mechanical engineering or project management and you have time to spare then contact us through the club's email.

### ANMM Presentations

Many of you will recall the entertaining informational sessions delivered by Noel Phelan on behalf of Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM). Noel and his team conduct these by web video conference these days. We need to know if you are interested in attending one of Noels sessions and if we get enough interested people, we will coordinate a virtual conference. Please let us know if you are interested and your preferred topic and we will prioritise the favourite topics.

Email your preference to:

**[paqclub@tpg.com.au](mailto:paqclub@tpg.com.au)**

ANMM topics include:

### Navigators and Explorers

The maritime exploration of Australia and the world, the who, why, where, and how of these incredible voyages

### Australians at War

Heroic true accounts of our armed services at war, not just ships and battles but the inspiring story of the people involved

### Remarkable Australians

Australian maritime men and women with vision and courage who became legends

### Finding Long-Lost Vessels

Fascinating, amazing stories of searching for ships that were tragically lost and all but forgotten

### Maritime Disasters & Mysteries

In war or peace, conflicts, human error, and plain bad luck cause disasters that cost lives and leave a mystery to be solved

### History at Sea

Presentations that not only tell us about people and events but some of the history of their life and times

### General Interest Topics with a Maritime Connection

A diverse collection of presentations with an emphasis on how the sea connected to life in Australia

**Chris**

### Lost and Found

A men's watch has been found in the 'garden' near the gate to the boat storage yard. It looks like it has been there for some time. If you have lost a watch contact, director, Ron Baxter. If you can describe the watch arrangements will be made to return the watch.

If not claimed within one month, the watch will be given to the finder.

Email watch details to  
paqclub@tpg.com.au

### What's on the Horizon?

Events for your diary:-

TBA 2021

### Safety Message

Wear a mask, check in and out, keep your distance.

We have asked Alan Barns to purchase a mobile scaffold from Johnson Bros for the slipways. If it works as expected, we will purchase a second one. This is intended

to improve safety when working above ground level.

### For Sale and Wanted

Top Hat Mark 3 (free to a good home)

Fellow members,

I own a Top Hat Mark 3 which - because I have acquired another boat - is now surplus to requirements. I am happy to give the Top Hat to a member - please note, this is not an entirely philanthropic gesture: the boat needs some work and I need access to my mooring.

Basic information:

- Model: Top Hat Mark 3.
- Length: 25 feet.
- Year of manufacture: 1983.
- Hull material: fibreglass.
- Engine: Sole mini 2 (single cylinder 10hp diesel).
- self furler for headsail
- sails: 1 x main only (the headsail was destroyed and has not been replaced) .

Condition: tired (old photo below) - the boat needs some work, including antifouling and rig and engine services. If you are interested, please give me a call.

Regards,  
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