



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Members of The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club will be held at the Clubhouse, 16 Mitala Street, Newport, on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 8.00pm to transact the following business: -

1. To note the Apologies and Obituaries;
2. To confirm the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10 April 2018;
3. To recognise member Roger Vincent who has achieved 50 years of membership.
4. To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:  
“That Peter Kennett be elected a Life Member of The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club as of 24 July 2018”;
5. To receive and if thought fit, to resolve to adopt the Club’s Annual Report, Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Accompanying Statements for the financial year ended 30 April 2018;
6. To elect two (2) Directors for a three (3) year term in accordance with Rule 25 of the Club’s Constitution;
7. To elect a Rear Commodore Cruising for a two year term, a Rear Commodore Centreboard for a two year term and a Rear Commodore Activities for a two year term, each in accordance with Rule 31 of the Club’s Constitution;
8. To present the Commodore’s Clubman of the Year 2018 trophy, and;
9. Any other business, which may be properly brought before a General Meeting of Members.

**Suzanne Davies**  
**General Manager and Company Secretary**  
**25 June 2018**



## ELECTED OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations to elected office closed at 12 noon, Monday 25 June 2018

The following nominations were received:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	NOMINEE	PROPOSERS
<b>Director (3 year term)</b> (TWO positions and FOUR nominees, therefore a ballot is required)	Murray Glase #12747	Michael Lockley #2212 Ron Palmer #6496
	Simon Grosser #2145	John Bacon #2423 James Bullough #2069
	James Mayjor #1333	John Bacon #2423 Michael Lockley #2212
	John Paul #1651	John Berry #67 Warren Miles #1471
REAR COMMODORES	NOMINEE	PROPOSERS
<b>Rear Commodore Activities (2 year term)</b> (ONE position and ONE nominee, therefore NO ballot is required)	Julia Hornsby #12741	Salvatore Ridulfo #12438 Michael Lockley #2212
<b>Rear Commodore Centreboard (2 year term)</b> (ONE position and ONE nominee, therefore NO ballot is required)	David Taylor #11440	Michael Lockley #2212 Liz de Soyres #6803
<b>Rear Commodore Cruising (2 year term)</b> (ONE position and ONE nominee, therefore NO ballot is required)	Leon Wilson #2219	Murray Glase #12747 David Williams #25914

**Suzanne Davies**  
 Secretary & General Manager  
 25 June 2018



**NOMINEE FOR THE ROLE OF  
DIRECTOR (3 YEAR TERM)**

**MURRAY GLASE**

**Full Member**

**Member since: 2011**

**Vessel: "Gypsy Princess" (Catalina 400)**

***Volunteer Involvement***

Current Cruising Committee member

Current Finance and Audit Committee member

Organising subcommittee for the 2019 Pittwater to Dunk Island Cruise

***General background information***

Murray has had a long association with the Club, going back to the 1970s when his father was a member and cruised the family's own small yacht. He has four decades of experience in both centreboard and yacht racing and cruising. He has a special interest, stemming from his profession as an actuary, in protecting and developing the Club's financial and membership base and a dedication to increasing participation in all facets of the Club's activities, both on and off the water.

***Sailing Participation, Achievements and Qualifications***

Murray spent many years during the 1980s and 90s racing as crew in the Alfred's SOPS and LOPS pointscore series and raced in the 1987 Coffs Harbour and 1988 Sydney to Southport races. He raced dinghies and skiffs from various Sydney clubs during his teens, 20s and 30s, and skippered his own 18 foot skiff out of the Sydney Flying Squadron.

He has owned three yachts, all Catalinas, since 2002: Lady Lana (34'), Avalon (36') and Gypsy Princess (40'). He raced Gypsy Princess in the Alfred's 2014 to 2016 Saturday summer pointscore series and is a dedicated participant in the Club's cruising events. Over the past four years he's crewed members' boats to Hobart and to the Whitsundays as part of Alfred's cruise events and competed as crew in Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island race week series.

Murray was the founding secretary and subsequently President of the Australian B14 Association.

***Brief Occupational History***

Murray is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries. He has held the statutory chief actuary role at two of the largest Australian reinsurance companies and was an executive general manager at one of those companies for 11 years, leading the actuarial, claims management and IT functions. In those roles he was a key advisor to the Board, shareholders and general management in the areas of financial, strategic, risk and capital management and oversaw the management of over a billion dollars in assets and annual revenue.



## NOMINEE FOR THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR (3 YEAR TERM)

### SIMON GROSSER

**Full Member**

**Member since: 1992**

**Vessel: "Young at Heart" (Young 88)**

#### Professional Background

Currently director of my own consulting company Simon J Grosser & Associates Pty Limited, providing management and technical services, specialising in the composites industry.

I moved from Adelaide to Sydney in 1987, as a representative for Structural Polymer Systems Ltd a pioneering UK based manufacturer of composite materials and engineering consultancy. Appointed Managing Director of SP Australia/Asia, a subsidiary with regional responsibility for key market segments of Marine, Automotive, Wind Energy and Civil Engineering, eventually becoming one of 10 principal shareholders in SP Holdings, with regional responsibilities for all Australian/Asian markets and global responsibility as Marine Market leader, involved with design and construction of many of the worlds most advanced racing yachts.

Retired from SP Systems (now Gurit) end 2007 and began work as a consultant. Major projects included:

- Premier Composites, Dubai UAE – 2009 – 2013 Consultant for facilitation of a management review programme in conjunction with Humatica AG (Switzerland) develop organisational structure and training for 500 employees
- May 2013 – Feb 2017, Chief Operating Officer at Premier Composites, managing growth of the company to 3,000 employees from 47 different nationalities. Business development, new projects and strategic direction, including with major clients in KSA, Apple Corp, Boeing, Airbus, Alstom and Bombardier and major automotive OEM's
- Partner/shareholder in wind turbine blade development company, Blade Dynamics (USA) Inc (now GE Wind)
- Partnership with Aaurfield consultants (UK) for establishing wind turbine blade manufacture in Australia (ongoing)
- Strategic Business Development consultant (current) with Aluminium Industries (Melb), assisting with organic growth of existing business, and advising on new product development for new entry into the automotive market

#### RPAYC & Sailing

A long term member of Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club (Adelaide), I have been an active member of RPAYC since 1992, having competed with some success in all major East coast regattas and offshore races, and more recently in Etchells, Lasers and an assortment of vessels at local, national and international levels. Other highlights include:

- part of the initial group of volunteer RPAYC members who travelled to New Zealand to learn about their youth sailing programmes, and subsequently established the RPAYC Youth Development program.
- established the Newport Foundation in 2003, to introduce sailing as a sporting choice in primary schools, an initiative which continues today with programs running around NSW and interstate.
- RPAYC Board member 2012 – 2015
- Integrated disAbled Sailing programme, founding Governor
- Activities, Centreboard, M&D Committees

I believe in maintaining the history and tradition of RPAYC and in building a strong future through the development of youth sailors from entry level, through centreboard sailing and ongoing pathways leading to successful enjoyment of the sport whether racing or cruising.

*My focus will be:*

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| • member satisfaction, inclusivity & engagement | • future-proofing assets & financial sustainability |
| • on-water participation                        | • community engagement                              |

#### Education

- AIM –Business Management (Distinction)
- Leadership Trust (UK) 2001 – Leadership in Mgmt

#### Other Activities

- Member Royal Institute of Naval Architects
- Former board member of Composites Institute of Australia
- Yachting Australia – Yachtmaster
- Yachting Australia – Master Sailboard Instructor
- N.A.U.I. – Open water Scuba diver
- Competitive squash, tennis



**NOMINEE FOR THE ROLE OF  
DIRECTOR (3 YEAR TERM)**

**JAMES MAYJOR**

**Full Member**

**Member since: 1983**

**Vessel: "Whisper II" (Dufour 325)**

James is married to Dianne and has two children Hannah 24 yrs and Harri 21 yrs

James has been a member of the club for over 35 years, starting out as a junior/ intermediate member then progressing to full membership.

Over this time James has been very active in the sailing community and in particular racing One Design classes. Notably James has been involved with the Etchells class at local and International levels for many years sailing predominantly with club member Cameron Miles. Together with Cameron and fellow club member Chris Links, James completed an Olympic campaign for the 1996 Atlanta games in the Soling class narrowly missing selection. James has also sailed with John Bacon in various offshore events together with John's Melges 24 and MC38 programs. Currently James has qualified for the 2018 Etchell World Championships in October together with Terry Wetton and Grant Crowle. In addition, James is preparing to take on the 5.5m class together with John Bacon preparing for the 2019 World Championships in Helsinki. If there's time, James also enjoys sailing his Finn from the RPA centreboard facilities and cruising up the river with Di in his Dufour 325.

James has been lucky enough to enjoy a successful career in the Medical Device and Pharmaceutical industry. Working primarily with Roche, then subsequently Baxter Healthcare, James has held senior global positions mainly in General Management, Marketing, Sales and Strategy. This career path has meant James and his family have lived in Germany and China for 8 yrs in total, these global positions have also meant a large amount of travel and time away from the family. In late 2015 James decided to slow down a little and reduce travel and time away and has subsequently started a small Medical Device business located in Mona Vale.

With some of the extra time now available to him, James decided to try and give something back to the club after many years as a member, and has recently been part of the team, together with Michael Lockley and Suzanne Davies, to build the clubs current five-year strategic plan. With this nomination to the board of the club, James hopes to be able to further contribute to the club and its members supporting the strategic plan's successful implementation.

James believes it's paramount that the club continues to support its members in their passion for sailing. Whilst it's important the club's facilities remain in top order and the club remains financially strong, he believes the number one priority needs to be supporting and encouraging our members in their pursuit of sailing.



**NOMINEE FOR THE ROLE OF  
DIRECTOR (3 YEAR TERM)**

**JOHN PAUL B.Com, M.Com, GAICD**

**Senior 60/30 Member**

**Member since: 1986**

**Vessel: "Serenity" (Grand Banks 42)**

I have been a Full Member of the RPAYC since 1986 and had the privilege of being Commodore from 1999 -2001, at the time when the marinas were redeveloped and the Club supported the 2000 Olympics. Prior to that I had filled Vice-Commodore, Club Captain and General Committee roles.

Until a back operation two years ago I had sailed competitively at the Club for nearly 30 years, initially as crew and then with my yachts "Flying Colours" (Nantucket 31), "Flying Colours II" (Cavalier 350SL), "Cardinal Sin"/"Conspiracy" (Sydney 38), and "Cardinal Sin" (Etchells). This included Pittwater-Coffs, Sydney-Southport, Hamilton Island, inter-club/OD regattas and the 2012 Etchells Worlds. I now have a Grand Banks 42 ("Serenity") which copes very well with four adults, four grandchildren and one Golden Retriever and I happily crew on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

I retired as CEO of WD Scott Asia in June 2016 after a 35-year career as a management consultant - initially as a Partner with Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC), then as Principal of my own consultancy before joining WD Scott. Prior to consulting, I was a divisional manager for Roche Products, a Swiss multi-national pharmaceutical company.

During my consulting career, I worked with a wide range of clients, drawn from all States of Australia and from around the Pacific Rim including the USA, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand and Singapore and representing a diverse range of industries in the private and public sectors.

In recent years, my professional skills and experience were centred on Business Transformation, incorporating change management, strategic planning, future state business models and operational improvements. These skills were typically acquired in competitive and disrupted marketplaces, not dissimilar to those facing most clubs today. I am also a qualified company director having graduated from the AICD Company Directors Course.

My current professional roles include being Chair of Lawcadia, a legal-tech start-up and successful global player in legal procurement as well as advising several start-ups and mentoring senior executives in large enterprises.

I am standing for a director's position because I believe I can make a positive contribution to addressing the challenges that our Club is facing regarding its future success and long-term sustainability.

Internal challenges include:

1. Achieving and maintaining the right "balance" between operating as a business and as a member benefit-focused Club
2. increasing member involvement and participation across all current and future Club activities
3. reviewing/enhancing our current business model and operations in line with 1 & 2 above and the appointment of our new General Manager

External challenges include:

1. recognising that the "Old World" as we knew it will become increasingly irrelevant to our Club's long-term sustainability
2. understanding that the fast emerging, disruptive "New World" is placing conflicting pressures on our membership classes, requiring us to adjust our traditional thinking to avoid our potential "Kodak" moment
3. "future-proofing" our Club by building on our legacy and strengths while embracing new opportunities to support increased member involvement and participation.