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CHAPTER 1

Boating community starts a Club without a home base

In 1966, a group of keen boating and fishing locals, who enjoyed monthly outings together from Moffat Beach, decided to formalise their social interactions by establishing a Club, known as the Caloundra Power Boat Club (CPBC or the Club).

J. D. Gillies was the first Commodore of the Club.

The Club had no permanent home and met at the Francis Hotel, Shelley Beach, and then the Perle Hotel which is where the Kings Beach Tavern is now located.

As a boat was a requirement to be in the Club, members provided a rescue service, keeping equipment necessary to assist in marine rescues close to the foreshore,' according to the late Bert Andersen, Life Member and President from 2007 to 2019.

'The CPBC members also removed dangerous snags and obstructions from Pumicestone Passage and marked the channel between Caloundra and Mission Point with buoys to ensure the Passage was navigable,' Mr Andersen said. 'The aim was to provide safe navigation of local waters by boat users,' he said.



The original Caloundra lighthouse being removed from Canberra Terrace by the CPBC members to prevent its demolition.

'Many rescues were carried out by CPBC members until the number of boats using the area led to the call sign QF4 becoming part of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association in December 1973.'

'The Caloundra Power Boat Club still has a strong association with the Coastguard by providing a yearly donation of \$25,000 to support its services.'

'In 1970, Club members "rescued" the original Caloundra lighthouse, located in Canberra Terrace, from demolition.'

'The Caloundra Power Boat Club acted and relocated the lighthouse to Woorim Park adjacent to their proposed new Clubhouse site.'

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Voluntary labour completed the relocation and the Club helped fund some restoration work as the lighthouse was in poor condition.

The lighthouse returned to its original site in Canberra Terrace on 22 June 1999, where it is open to the public every second and fourth Saturday of the month.



The original Caloundra lighthouse being rebuilt near Woorim Park, Golden Beach by CPBC members.



The original Caloundra lighthouse takes pride of place next to the future site of the CPBC.

Coastal landmark gets a facelift



ONE of the few surviving links with the early days of the Sunshine Coast is alive and well. The original Caloundra Lighthouse, which guided ships along our coastline earlier this century is now enjoying its days in retirement at Golden Beach, near the Caloundra Power Boat Clubhouse. It is currently being repainted with the club donating \$250 towards the cost of the project.

CHAPTER 2

Boating Club volunteers build their Clubhouse

From its early days the Caloundra Power Boat Club has been a true community Club, involving volunteers to provide services and facilities to its members. The **building of a Clubhouse**, which started in 1977, was the first of four major facilities development. The hands-on involvement of members in building these facilities marks it out from many other clubs in the area.

In order to raise funds for the building of the clubhouse, the CPBC offered life membership for \$200 to raise the needed funds. This was a princely sum in the 1970s.

Approximately 300, many of whom were local business people, took up the offer and the sum of \$60,000 was raised.



The Caloundra Power Boat Club opened a single storey building in 1978, with a concrete roof that was capable of taking additional floors in the future.

The members had a vision to build a Clubhouse that could be expanded in the future so the building was to be a single storey with a concrete roof that was capable of taking additional floors.

So not only did members provide funds for the building construction, but also many members of the CPBC used their everyday work skills to construct the

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Clubhouse next to a local boat camp on the shores of Pumicestone Passage at Golden Beach.

While the construction was underway, the CPBC undertook the process of being incorporated as a public company and this was certified on 28 October 1977 by the Queensland Commissioner for Corporate Affairs.

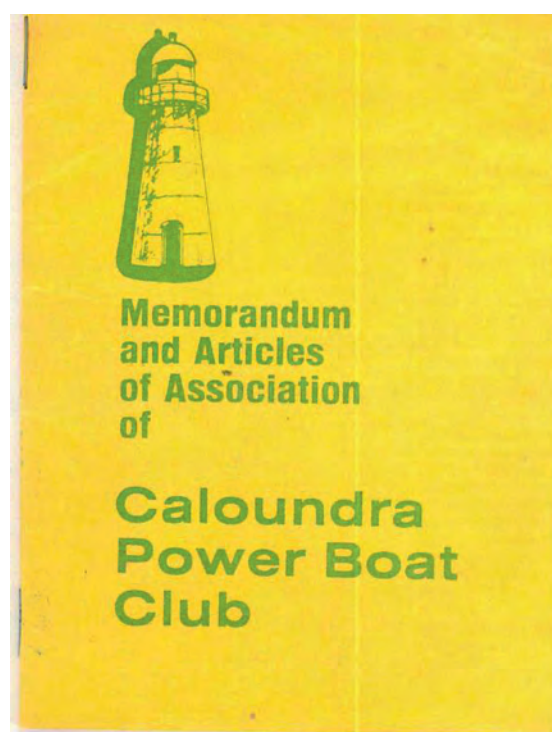
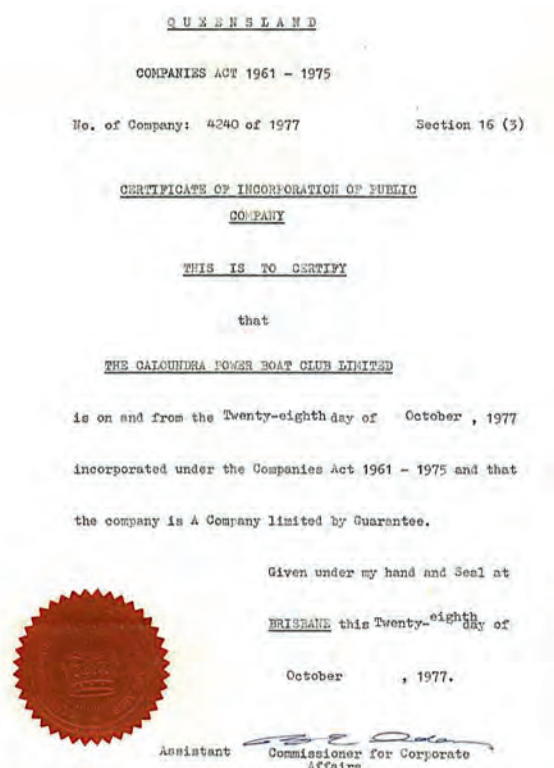
The Club also developed a *Memorandum and Articles of Association of Caloundra Power Boat Club*.

This document again specified that members had to own a boat and the original purposes of the Club, including encouraging boating and social activities for members, and improving the waterways of, and safe navigation and boating in, local waters

The Club was run by a Council of Management that consisted of a Patron, three Flag Officers, namely a Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Immediate Past Commodore. The Council was responsible for staffing, finance, facilities, meeting legislative requirements of a company and ensuring the objects of the Company were met.

In accordance with the *Memorandum and Articles of Association of Caloundra Power Boat Club*, the Council of Management officers were not paid.

As was the norm at the time with many organisations, women could only be associate members and they formed the Ladies Auxiliary. The funds raised by the Ladies Auxiliary were for the benefit of the Club. The Ladies Auxiliary could appoint its own officers with the approval of the Council with three office bearers also required to own a boat. The associate members had no voting rights at Club meetings.



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The Clubhouse was officially opened by Lieutenant Commander Sir Charles Byrne, OBE, DSC, BSM, who was patron, on 18 February 1978. The Commodore at the time was J. L. Palmer.

As the building had a concrete roof, it was used as a key facility for community safety in the event of a disaster



Lieutenant Commander Sir Charles Byrne, OBE, DSC, BSM, opening the original Clubhouse, on 18 February 1978.

Bevan Henzell had acquired the lease for the land from the Crown.

When the Clubhouse was finished, Club members could only enter via their own key and visitors could only enter with a member.

Norm Pardella, life member and Commodore from 1981 to 1983, tells the tale of the Club's link to the grounding of the cargo ship Anro Asia in October 1981.

'I was sitting at the bar with some mates and said "Hey look at that light over on Bribie Island",' Mr Pardella said.

'It turned out to be the Anro Asia that had run aground on the northern end of Bribie Island,' he said.

'The 213m container vessel sustained damage to several fuel tanks, releasing between 70 and 100 tonnes of fuel into the ocean. Some of the lost fuel reached the shore.'

The Caloundra Power Boat Club was used as a communication post until Anro Asia was refloated on November 6, 1981.'



ABOVE: Caloundra Power Boat Club members (from left) Pere Godfrey, Norm Pardella and Bob Atkins were on hand to view the hoisting of a flag from the Anro Asia which ran aground at Caloundra. The flag was presented to the club in recognition of their help in assisting the vessels salvage operators.

CALOUNDRA Power Boat Club has its own piece of the container ship Anro Asia which ran aground off Bribie Island on October 29.

Salvage Pacific Ltd, who freed the ill-fated ship on November 7, gave the club a flag from the vessel in recognition of members' support during the rescue bid.

Mrs Betty Lockley, wife of salvage assistant Captain Bruce Whiteman presented the flag to the club at a lunch last Friday.

Salvage Pacific and the RAAF planned to air lift vessel containers and land them near the club at Military Jetty.

The club provided room for a radio base for the salvage team.

Club secretary Bob Atkins said containers were diverted to Happy Valley because of the threat of damage to the club house and surrounding buildings.

Club members then moved the salvage team's radio gear to Caloundra Airport.

Club founder Pere Godfrey said he was pleased Salvage Pacific had recognised the club's support.

"The operation couldn't have been in better hands with such able and experienced men on the job," Mr Godfrey said. "I only hope that everything is done to avoid a repitition of the Anro Asia."



The CPBC was presented with the flag of the grounded container ship Anro Asia in recognition of the role of the Club in providing a radio base for the salvage operations in late 1981. The flag is now displayed near the foyer of the Caloundra Power Boat Club, with Norm Pardella and Joe Keates, President, CPBC 2019-2023 admiring the restored flag.

CHAPTER 3

Boating Club expands its Clubhouse

The CPBC continued to prosper and in 1983, the **second major facilities improvement** was extensions to the Northern and Southern ends of the Clubhouse which allowed the members to enjoy more leisure facilities, such as a bistro (The Boaties Bistro) and kitchen, dance floor, pool room and better access to the Club's key asset—expansive views of Pumicestone Passage.

According to Norm Pardella, a former Commodore, the Club was a key part of the Caloundra social scene in the 1980s.



His Excellency Sir James Ramsay, KCMC, KCVO, CBE, DSC, Governor of Queensland, with Commodore Norm Pardella, opening the extension on 5 February 1983.

'This place used to be packed on Friday night and there was no room to move. Raffles attracted many people and provided funds to help run the Club,' Mr Pardella said.

'Some nights we had entertainment from groups such as Wickety Wak,' Mr Pardella said.



Auxiliary members volunteered to run the raffles on a Friday night to raise funds to help run the Club.

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Club members, including Norm and Lyn Pardella (left) and Bert Andersen (right) and guests swing along with the entertainment on the CPBC's packed dance floor.

'The Club continued to have boat trips for members but also held fashion parades, Melbourne Cup luncheons, theme nights and other social events that were focused at or from the Clubhouse at Woorim Park,' he said.

'There were no poker machines in the 1980s so funds had to be raised to run the Club from the bistro, bar, raffles, and various functions and events proceeds,' he said.



The Melbourne Cup fashion parade was a popular event at the CPBC in the 1980s.

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CPBC members had a place for a good chat and refreshments at the bar.



Norm Pardella, one of the Club's Commodore in the 1980s, volunteering his help behind the bar as was the practice at that time.



Friday nights at the Club in the 1980s were busy with members enjoying meals, refreshments, and free entertainment.



Boaties' Bistro
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THE Boatman's Bistro at Golden Beach is set to become one of the more popular eateries on the Sunshine Coast, if Saturday's fare is anything to go by.

Manager Graham Bullpit has done wonders with the look of the place, and is offering an extensive range of dishes to suit all palates.

It's amazing what some bright table linen and potted palms can do to improve the decor of the Caloundra Power Boat Club's restaurant.

Graham Bullpit has brought with him a diploma in catering, and 12 years in the industry, and service, presentation and quality of food is all of a high standard.

Saturday night is carvery night at the Boatman's Bistro, and the choice of roast pork or lamb, garlic beef or baked gammon was enough to tempt the fussiest eater. Hot vegetables or fresh salad is available, of course, and home-made fruit salad is included in the \$6.95 per person price.

Those who want a tasty seafood entree, or home-made cheesecake or apple pie for dessert, may order these at extra cost.

Sunday is smorgasbord day, and for just \$6.95 you can eat as much as you like from noon till 2pm.

Monday to Friday the Bistro is open 6-8pm for a-la-carte meals, with such delicacies as Chicken Cordon Bleu, Grilled Perch Macadamia, Porterhouse Jenette and Beef Schnitzel Parmagana.

Graham Bullpit also caters for Power Boat Club counter meals and snacks, and can cater for any function, by prior arrangement, of course.



The Boaties Bistro provided expansive views of the Pumicestone Passage and received furniture upgrades to ensure the comfort of members and guests.

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The extensions to the Clubhouse provided room for pool tables and a darts area providing more activities within the Club for members and guests.

Outdoor events still formed a key part of CPBC activities in the 1980s

In the 1980s, the Club members also used the prime waterfront location of its Clubhouse to hold functions, such as Christmas parties and other social events.



Santa arriving by boat from the Pumicestone Passage was the highlight of many of the Club's Christmas celebrations in the 1980s.

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The Club hosted the Queensland Power Boat Racing Championships during that period. An area that power boat racing in Queensland focuses on is circuit racing so Pumicestone Passage was a prime spot to hold such an event with the support of the CPBC Club.

The Club also hosted the Windsurfing Championships. Windsurfing is still a popular activity along the Golden Beach stretch of Pumicestone Passage.

The site of the Clubhouse and its facilities provided great views of the action on the Passage and the Club facilities provided food, refreshments and a place for social interactions for event participants and observers.



The CPBC used its unique shore position to host the Queensland Power Boat Racing Championships on Pumicestone Passage in the 1980s. Power boat enthusiasts, Club members and visitors had 'front row views' of power boat action.

CHAPTER 4

Club makes its Clubhouse 'reach for the stars'

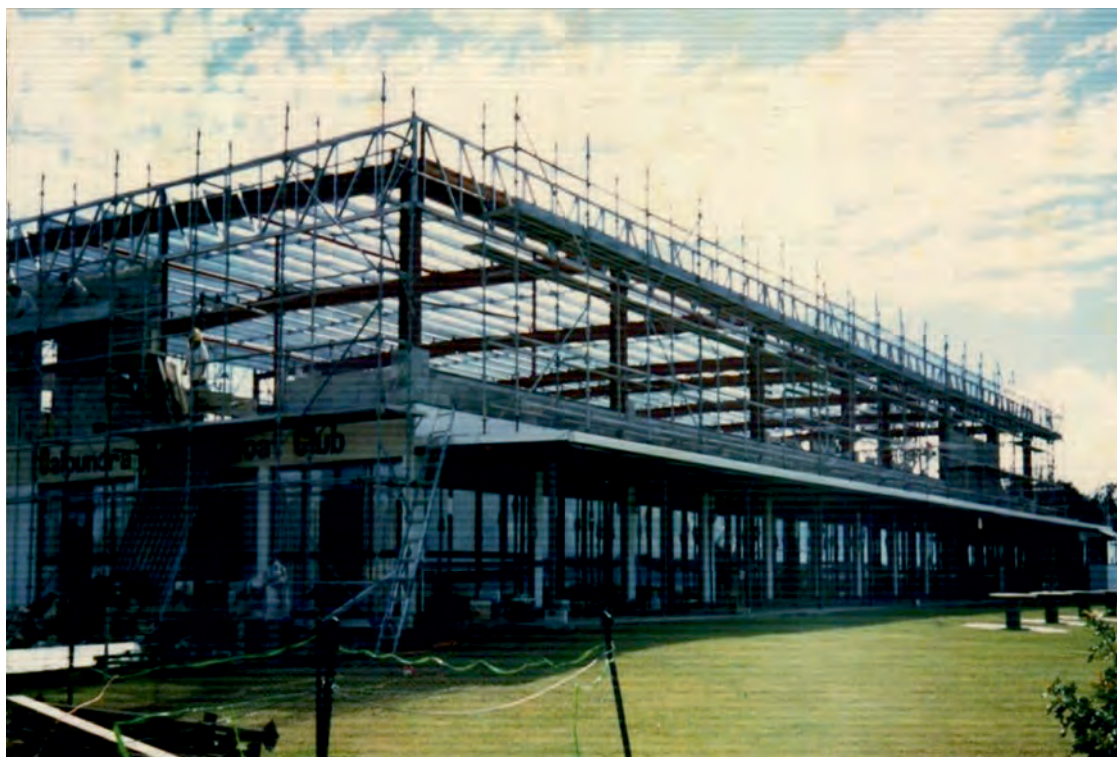
The Club members' original 1986 vision for a modern, multiple purpose Club was realised in 1993 when a first floor was constructed.

A bank loan was taken out to fund the building extension as costs were much higher at that time. However, to keep costs down, members with appropriate skills again volunteered to help with the construction.



The construction of a top floor at the CPBC in 1993 was an imposing sight on Golden Beach as the area was still a very quiet area of many holiday 'shacks'.

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The addition of a floor to the original CPBC Clubhouse made sure the CPBC members and guests could get even better views of the Pumicestone Passage.



The 'new look' completed Clubhouse in 1993 with the old Caloundra lighthouse still standing proudly next to the Club before the lighthouse was relocated in 1999.

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Alderman Barry Gray, Mayor of Caloundra City Council, officially opened the extension to the Clubhouse on 13 November 1993.

The top floor provided function rooms, a new restaurant in the Dolphins Room, with a new kitchen to provide more catering options for members.



Staff prepare a smorgasbord in a top-floor function room of the Club.



A crowded function underway with a smorgasbord which was popular at that time.

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The expansion of the Clubhouse meant other facilities could be introduced such as space for the poker machines that had been introduced into Queensland in 1992.



The 'pokies room', now known as the 'Gaming Room', downstairs expanded in the bigger Clubhouse as restaurant facilities had been moved to the first floor.

Commodores prior to 2000

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| J. D. Gillies | 1966 | N. E. Pardella | 1981-1983 |
| Capt. P. B. Godfrey | 1967 | W. T. Charlton | 1984-1985 |
| N. C. Leggett | 1968 | N. E. Pardella | 1985 |
| Lt. Col. A. E. Easton | 1969 | R. G. Stuffins | 1985-1986 |
| C. L. Heuschele | 1970 | D. Marschke | Feb. 1986 |
| B. L. Reid | 1971 | H. E. Andersen | 1987 |
| D. G. Strohfeldt | 1972 | M. R. Bradford | 1988 |
| G. T. Dixon | 1973 | R. G. Weavers | 1989 |
| C. G. Baker | 1974-1977 | J. van Teylingen | 1992 |
| J. C. Palmer | 1978-1979 | A. E. Cassimatis | 1995 |
| G. C. McClurg | 1980 | | |

CHAPTER 5

Club opens its facilities to the wider community

From the formation of the Club in 1966 through to the time of the building of the Clubhouse in 1977 and its extension in 1982, the Club's Council of Management provided its own financial, staff and facilities management in line with its Constitution.

Improvements did not stop at the new facilities. Changes were also made to services and management so the Club could continue to grow.

However, in 2000, the Club experienced extreme financial difficulties. The Club still belonged to the members. Club management was outsourced to an administrator and Kedron-Wavell RSL between 2000 and 2003 to allow the Club to trade out of its financial difficulties.

During this time, the Constitution was rewritten to reflect the more modern business organisation required with growth in the Golden Beach area and legislative requirements under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission which was established in 1998.

The new Constitution removed the need for members to own a boat. A Board comprising President, Vice President and a Board of Directors replaced Commodores, Vice Commodores and Council members. Women were able to be full members of the Club and hold positions on the Board. In line with the original focus of the Club as a community club, office holders on the new Board did not receive payment for their services.

The first President of the Board of Directors of the Caloundra Power Boat Club Limited was Frank Purcell who was President from 17 December 2000 until 3 January 2007.

On 5 August 2003, the Board of Caloundra Power Boat Club Ltd put in place a Management Services Agreement with the Caloundra RSL Services Club Inc., to provide finance, human resource and other agreed services. One remains in place today.

In the early part of 2000s, other changes were made to improve the services the Club provided.

The restaurant was relocated from the first floor Dolphins Room to the ground floor at the northern end of the Club. A new kitchen facility, with latest equipment to maximise space, serviced the restaurant that could cater for up to 350 meals per day.

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The new restaurant was named, the 'Quarterdeck on Pumicestone' Restaurant. and offers a wonderful dining experience—great food with expansive water views.

A modern timber deck, covered by canopies, was built on the shoreline to allow for alfresco dining and to capture the brilliance of the views offered by Pumicestone Passage



Canopies covered the timber deck that provided diners with uninterrupted views of the Pumicestone Passage.



The upper floor provided great views over the adjacent area, including Golden Beach, Pumicestone Passage and Lamerough Canal.

The Club gets a new view

In June 2006, the **fourth major physical development** of the Club since the original building opened in 1978 involved the installation of 28 individual sliding and folding glass panels on the outside deck of the restaurant.

The outdoor deck was transformed into an elegant looking, weatherproof feature, allowing diners to enjoy uninterrupted views of Pumicestone Passage no matter what the weather. The approximate cost for the work was \$166,000.

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Norm Pardella, an inaugural member of the club and former Commodore, opened the feature in 2006.



The view from the outdoor deck area with glass doors added to allow outstanding views while protecting diners in all weather.

In early 2006, landscaping and a beautification project increased the outdoor Gazebo area at the Southern end of the Club right on the beach. The approximate cost was \$30,000.



The beautification of the Club's Gazebo area created a popular area for wedding services, with function rooms providing catering services for the celebrations.

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Barry Purcell, Company Secretary, prepares for the AAA National Championships in August 2013.

In August 2013, the Club was selected as the venue of the Australian Anglers Association (AAA) National Fishing Championships because of its facilities, site and active Fishing Club. Fishers from throughout Australia and New Zealand, as well as the CPBC's own Fishing Club, enjoyed a week of social and fishing experiences. Barry Purcell, Company Secretary at the time, was instrumental in the Club winning the event and in ensuring the events success.

Bert Andersen, a highly successful local business man and original member of the Club served as a Director from 9 September 2001 and President from 26 January 2007 until 22 May 2019 then he retired because of ill health. Mr Andersen, as both a Director and President, drove, and spent endless hours overseeing, the developments that saw the Club become a modern, waterside venue for the Caloundra and the wider community.

The Club continues to update its facilities to serve members and visitors better.

The dedicated and friendly staff provide high-quality meals and first-class service in an environment envied by many other clubs.



The CPBC is an outstanding landmark on the Pumicestone Passage at night.

Acknowledgements

I started gathering the historical information in this document when I was a member of the Caloundra Power Boat Club and completed it in my role as a Director of the Board. The history of the Club is of a truly community Club with volunteer members driving its building, development and continuing operation as a modern Club with Pumicestone Passage and sea views of which many clubs only dream.

This history would not have been possible without the time, memories and photos provided by many of the early members (mostly Life Members who paid \$200 for membership in the 1970s) of the Caloundra Power Boat Club and their families. These people are too numerous to name but I am most thankful for their assistance.

However, I would like to particularly like to acknowledge Norm and Lyn Pardella for the time spent talking to me and the photos and press clippings they loaned me. In addition, Bert Andersen, who died after a short illness in 2020, deserves recognition as he drove the idea of a history of the Caloundra Power Boat Club. A presentation was developed for the highly successful Celtic Festival in 2014 which was part of 35th Anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Caloundra Power Boat Club at Golden Beach.

Thanks to Bernadette Roberts, Vice President and Company Secretary of the Caloundra Power Boat Club, who assisted me with editorial advice in preparation of this book.

I would also like to recognise the work of the many volunteers, including members, and office holders, e.g. Commodores and Council of Management officers, Presidents and Directors, who have contributed to the creation and ongoing operations of the Club.

In addition, club staff over the many years have provided a warm, welcoming environment with efficient service to ensure members have a memorable experience of the facilities created for them.

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