

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Greg has already noted the NSWGFA FCM traditionally held in November has been put on hold unless there are important issues and it is deemed necessary and requested by a number of clubs. This is a very sensible move as the meeting have been getting shorter and shorter and it is a long way for some to travel and an expense that many clubs could do without. It means that the days allocated to the AGM will hopefully be more complete and again the time travelled and the expense incurred will be justified.

Lord Howe Island GFC has been readmitted and this time will be in the Northern Zone based on geographical location. The Central Coast GFC will be in the Central Zone. So All you Canberra members who are of course part of the Southern Zoneget out there and do your bit for the Zone as we need all the points we can possibly get!

Tag cards have been gradually appearing and hopefully with the White Sands last weekend we will get some more in. Please try and get the cards to me in a reasonable time as they will count for our Club in the Zone if on the appropriate days and also for Club points.

Our website is certainly getting more up to date and that is good to see and thanks to Jeff Melmoth for his work with this. I have received a few photos of boats but we would obviously like more. Please fill in the form for Boat Registration as this is something that I need to keep updated for the Club.

Kim, Frank and I had a meeting at Batemans Bay in order to contact sponsors for the Yellowfin Tournament. We are very happy with the progress and have a number of new sponsors on board. We are most grateful for these sponsors and their generosity and ask that you acknowledge them whenever possible by using their goods and services.

I was invited to attend a very interesting Maritime Conference last week in Sydney. There was a huge emphasis on safety and education which of course I fully endorse. Their new slogan is "You're the skipper .. you're responsible" which I think says it all. We are all aware of the events at our tournament this year and I cannot stress enough the importance of signing on with the relevant authority when heading out to sea, giving an estimated time of return and then notifying them on your return.

Our Christmas party on Sunday 14th should be terrific as usual so I hope to see a lot of you there. Please give me a call or email if you are attending so that we can organise the catering. Phone 0409 923 585 or email sanchia.glaskin@gmail.com.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and good health and happiness in 2009.

Sanchia Glaskin
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