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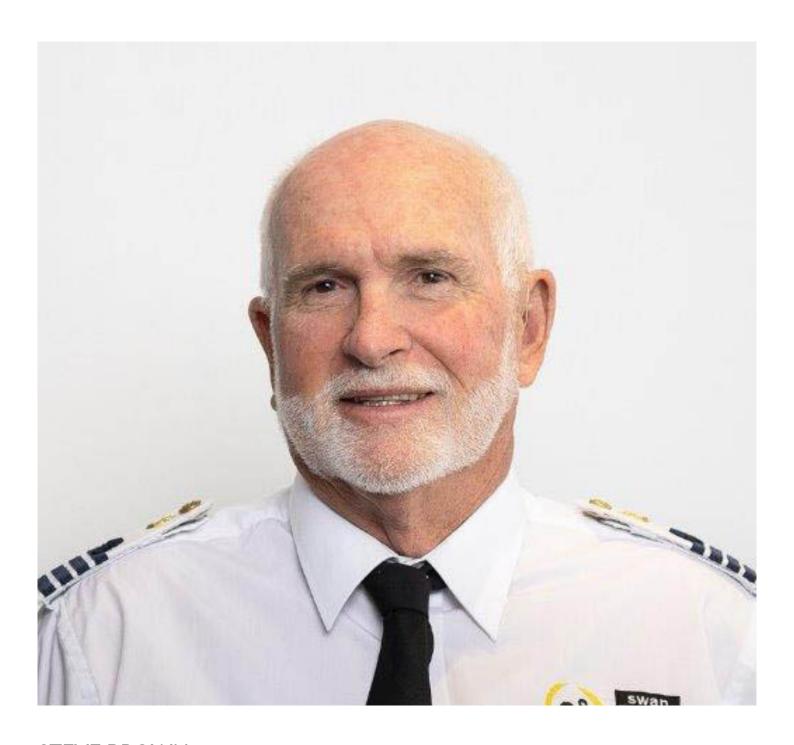




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COMMODORE'S REPORT



STEVE BROWN





Greetings Members,

Welcome to 2024, an exciting year for Swan Yacht Club Members. Christmas has come and gone, and I hope we have all enjoyed the boating life with family and friends over the holiday period. The Club was pumping in the period leading up to Christmas and I thank all Members that chose to hold their end of year celebrations at our Club.

Tenders are in for the Jetty 5 replacement/wave remediation project, with the successful Contractor advised and commissioned to commence working drawings. The contract has not been signed yet, as we are waiting on final approval from DBCA.

I look forward to seeing you at our half yearly General Meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd February 2024. Your Committee is planning a more relaxed environment for this meeting, to be held on the first-floor deck (weather permitting), with light food and drinks provided, following the meeting. Watch out for correspondence regarding this meeting – you won't want to miss this one.

A motion will be tabled for discussion and voting at our half yearly General Meeting to amend our constitution to add provision for electronic voting for election of Committee and Flag Officers, in tandem with our current voting system.

This proposal is intended to deliver options for Members who are unable to attend the Club in person at the designated voting times. Please watch for details posted on notice boards and in email communications.

Our on-water partnership with SFM Marine is providing valuable boat lifting and boat repair services to our Members at very competitive rates. Natalie, our Marine Operations manager, is seeking feedback from Members on SFM performance in the provision of these services so that she can continue to refine and target specific needs for our Members.

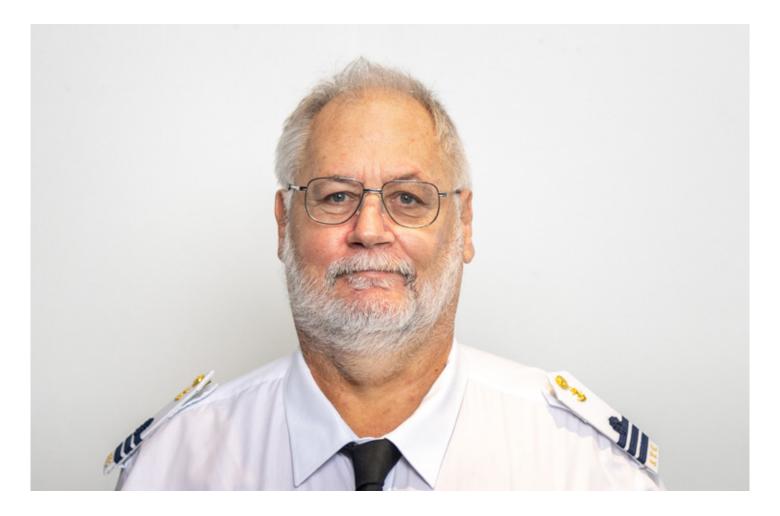
Thanks to Members for attending our Club Opening Day, it was a great display of our Members participating in Club events and importantly, it was a reinforcement that Swan Yacht Club retains the title as being the friendliest Club on the river.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club enjoying our wonderful facilities," loving life on the river".

Happy and safe boating.

Stephen Browne Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



MARK MACZKOWIAK

Hello Fellow Members.

Below is some important information regarding the upcoming ½ Year General Meeting. This year we hope to up the numbers and bring back some of the old vibe by adding a Sundowner to the end of the formal proceedings.

The meeting is open to full members and their partners only and includes nibbles and a 1 hour drinks package at the end.

½ Year General Meeting

We are sending this Cygnus out before the ½ Year General Meeting so you can be up to date on what is happening at the Club. If you have a question you would normally ask at the ½ Year GM we would like you to send it in to the General Manager within the next week. This is so that we can have a response prepared by the appropriate Club Official for presentation on the night. All questions lodged in writing will be read out and responded to on the night.



We are doing this to speed up the formal part of the proceedings because we will have members partners at the meeting, and we want to keep it as short as possible so everyone can get to and enjoy the Sundowner part of the evening. Happy wives equals...The Cygnus, and all questions lodged in writing and their responses will form part of the minutes of the meeting. Wrist bands will be issued to eligible members and their partners on entry after a check of your financial status. The bar will be open upstairs from 6:00pm.

The Formalities

The formal part of the Meeting will start around 6:30^{pm} and end at 7:00^{pm} or thereabouts. At the meeting, the Commodore will present the Cygnus as the official reports (per the Constitution) from the Treasurer, Flag Officers and the GM and ask they be accepted. All questions on notice that were put to Committee and the prepared responses will be read out. People who lodged questions on notice will be asked if they are satisfied with the response. Any Notices of Motion will be voted on. We may have a small amount of time for questions without notice but cannot guarantee it. That will all depend on how quickly or slowly the formal part of the evening is progressing so please try and get any questions in to the GM beforehand. After the formal part of the meeting has finished we will have a Sundowner.

Sundowner

Included is a 1 hour drinks package and nibbles. There may even be an oyster shucker with a supply of oysters. The bar will remain open until the last members and their partners leave, or by midnight, whichever comes first. Note, entry to the Sundowner will close before the formal meeting ends, and anyone who did not attend the meeting will not be allowed in.

Around the Club

I think we've turned the corner in terms of our food service at the Club. The new chef Gary is delivering good quality food at fair prices. Gary is a great teacher of the culinary arts and is gradually building the confidence and capability of our galley staff. You will all have noticed the Junior staff getting around the Club in the light blue shirts. They are all under 18 so cannot touch drink glasses at all. They are there to deliver food, gather empty plates and do other general duties that does not involve alcohol. Some of them, as they turn 18, may progress onto other work at the Club in the Galley or in the Bar. We have tried to keep prices as low as we can even and I think we have done a pretty good job, in spite of the underlying high inflation. Please promote the Club to your friends and rellies, and get them down to have a meal and a few drinks. The more time and money we spend at the

Club, the better it gets. If you have feedback on the menu or the meals, drinks or anything else to do with the Clubhouse, please let me know.

Notice of Motion

We have a Notice of Motion for the meeting, proposed by myself and seconded by the Commodore Steve Browne. The notice of motion has been lodged and will be displayed as per the Constitution. The motion is about allowing us to add electronic voting to make it easier for members to vote. Currently a member has to attend the Club at designated times, or arrange to obtain a postal vote for them to lodge their vote. For anyone who is away working or on holidays, or otherwise unable to get to the Club, voting becomes more difficult than it needs to be.

I believe we need to make it as easy as possible for as many of our eligible members as possible, to vote and have their say.



Colourful Melbourne Cup 2023

Social Events

Below is a list of the type of social events for this year. We hope to add more to this list over time. If you have ideas on what you'd like to see, please let me know.

- · Karaoke on the River.
- · Quiz Nights.
- $\cdot \, \text{Angling Competitions.} \\$
- · Sports Day & Open Day.
- · Angling Section Intra Competition (Non Angling Section competitors eligible to enter).
- · ANZAC Day.
- · Mother Day.
- · Corporate Challenge.
- · Chris Norman 'SMOKIE' Concert.
- · Father's Day.
- · Commodore Ball.
- · AFL Grand Final.
- · Opening Day and Sail Past.
- · Melbourne Cup.
- · Ladies Christmas Lunch.
- · Kids Christmas Party.

Mark Maczkowiak Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



TROY CAWTHAN





Hi All,

Its great to see so many members using their boats over our summer season. We were blessed with some 40+ degree days and whether it was a cruise on the river, trip to Garden or Rottnest Island, many members have told me about their summer boating which is what it is all about.

Infrastructure Update

Unfortunately, our aging infrastructure especially on Jetty 5 is causing a drain on our finances. We now have 11 pens out of service on Jetty 5 and we look forward to the major Capital works planned on being undertaken in the next 12 months. We have replaced seven (7) piles across the marina financial year to date and 32 over the past 3 years as we look to change out all wooden piles over the next 5–10 years.

Trailer Ramp Jetty

Some of you may have noticed a large number of floating pontoons being stored in the old slipway. These pontoons were secured at a highly discounted rate and will form part of the future upgrade of the trailer ramp as stage one upgrade. Stage two upgrade of this area will include installation of a 50 metre long floating collector jetty to assist with construction of jetty five upgrade and be utilised by all of our boating members to assist with collection of guests etc. It is also envisaged to allow for us to invite guests from other clubs as many clubs invite SYC to visit their marina's.

Pile Ring Trial

We have commenced a trial of floating pile rings on two locations within the marina. These are both on jetty 2 with one trial on a floating brick dock (pen 257) and one trial on a large vessel on the end of jetty 2(pen 235A). This will allow us to evaluate the use of these rings in different environments and identify where they can be used in the marina in the future. We will update you in the coming months.

Jetty 5 Update

The management committee and in particular the flag have been working very hard to forge forward with the necessary approvals for the jetty 5 project. We have reached agreement with DBCA on our proposed Jetty 5 works and associated 20 year plan and will now move through the various steps to allow for us to gain formal approval to commence building which we anticipate should be agreed prior to next summer.

First steps will involve commencing the demolition of the slipway area to provide additional car park for our members and allow for the creation of a contractor's lay down yard on the eastern side of the clubhouse. We will be aiming to complete these works over the Winter period to allow for minimal disruption during our busy Summer boating period and associated clubhouse activities.

The new 4-metre-wide floating jetty will provide a much-needed barrier to the constant wake coming through our marina. This will improve safety for all of our boating members and hopefully extend the life of many of our piles within the marina. We look forward to this major capital upgrade becoming a reality for our boating members, providing state of the art facilities at Swan Yacht Club.

Once completed, this will allow for us to move many of our members in to more appropriate pens, solving issues related to depth issues and size of pens clearing the backlog on our transfer list. This will also provide much interest from new members looking to enjoy the benefits of our wonderful location with new and improved facilities.

Troy Cawthan Rear Commodore (Marina)

REAR COMMODORE'S P&A REPORT

Welcome To Season 2024 At The Swan Yacht Club.



MARK WEST



Welcome to season 2024 at the Swan Yacht Club that will no sooner start than be finished.

Some of the events we have in the planning stage for autumn 24 will be...

SYC raft up with all boating members, family, and friends invited for a fun filled day on the swan.

Cruising in company to Mandurah and staying at the Mandurah offshore fishing and sailing club. They have excellent facilities and are very welcoming. We expect to leave on a Friday morning and return Sunday/Monday, weather dependent. If you haven't done this before it is an awesome weekend and an opportunity to meet new like minded friendly people.

We also are going forward in Time Trials in 2024. This is more a winter event that gives us a damn good reason to get our boats out of the pen, run around the river then back for a drink or two. Time Trials usually are a Saturday afternoon event and are held approximately once a month.

Please email me with regards to time trialling and I can give you some more info at: rearcommodorepa@swanyachtclub.com.au

Plus, the not to be missed annual Intra Club fishing competition to be held on the 12–14 of April 2024. If you only fish once a year then this is the time to dust off the old rod and reel and get out and catch some fish.

Also the Swan dragon boaters are holding a quiz night in February. Get a team together for another not to be missed event. All these Events will only happen with participation and support from you, our members, so make sure you check the weekly emailed newsletter and keep up to date with whats going on at our club.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all out there at some or all of these upcoming events.

Cheers

Mark West Rear Commodore Power & Angling

GENERAL MANAGER'S CYGNUS REPORT



DAMIEN GASPAR

In our last edition, I reported that the Club unveiled the disability hoist and specialised hearing solution for the Brian Turpin Boardroom at our Day with Our Sports Stars. I am proud to announce that the club were the recipients of the Clubs WA, Building Communities Award recognising our inclusiveness because of the introduction of these two great assets for members and our wider community.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to congratulate all our members who contributed their energy towards these two outstanding projects and played a pivotal role in making the club such an inclusive, fun, and relaxed club to be a part of.

On the water, Marina Manager, Natalie Jones has had her hands full with the continual pile replacement program working closely with Rear Commodore, Troy Cawthan.



Left to Right: Rear Commodore Troy Cawthan, TOEF Mayor Jim O'Neill, MLA Club Patron Lisa O'Malley & Commodore Stephen Browne at the opening of the Disability Hoist

The Club is firmly committed to the improvement of our on-water facilities, and I would like to thank those Members

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affected for their ongoing co-operation.

Our annual survey results from members have arrived, thank you to those members who took the time to complete our annual survey. Your feedback and suggestions are of great value. Whilst we cannot act on every suggestion, we do value all recommendations and ideas which go a long way towards shaping our long-term future. Along with a new menu, members can enjoy a host of regular weekly specials which include:

Wednesday night \$25 Parmi and Pint. Thursday Night \$25 All You Can Eat Buffet. Friday Night \$25 Pizza and Pint. Sunday Nights Kids Eat Free.

For further details please refer to the poster attached or ask the friendly staff.

December was a great month for the club with members flocking to the Swan in large numbers culminating in Member, John Johnstone, taking out the \$10,000 major prize for this year's raffle drawn on New Years Eve. Congratulations to John and all the prize winners.

Sadly, we recognise the passing of one of our Life Members, Stewart Jackson, and long-standing member Wally Ashworth. On behalf of the club condolences to their family and friends.



Vale Life Member, Stewart Jackson (far left) enjoying the hospitality of the SYC at the 2023 Open Day Party.

The Christmas period was once again full of activity with members' end-of-year functions and events ensuring that the club was merry, producing some pleasing results. Throughout the period we have hosted many charities in support of worthy causes. Of particular interest to sections of the membership were fire fighters Shaun and Josh raising money through the sale of Perth Fire Fighter Calendars for much-needed funds towards the Total Care Burns Unit at Perth Children's Hospital.

We are fortunate to have such a wide-ranging cross-section



Fighter Fighters Shaun (left) and Josh (right) posing with the GM to support the Total Care Burns Unit at Perth Children's Hospital.

of membership at the club and one of the more pleasing aspects of club land is recognising the efforts of our long-standing members hearing first-hand what the club has meant to them and their families. Prior to the Christmas break the Boaties Bar was renamed the Martin Coyle Bar: The re-naming was a fledgling idea first raised approx 12 months ago by another boating member Jon Riley. The aim of the renaming was to recognise the most senior and long-standing boating member of the club who promotes the mission, values, and objectives at every opportunity.

Proud to announce Martin Coyle was the recipient, Martin, in company with wife Brenda, family and committee were present for the unveiling in December. Martin Coyle joined the Club on 14th July 1970. 53 years ago, making him the most senior pen holder at the club. Martin and wife Brenda have consistently over many decades participated in formal club events, volunteered their time, and made good use of the club with their family and friends promoting the values of our inclusive club. I was interested to hear the stories of how Martin and his family spent a large part of their lives at the club and or on the banks of the Swan River fishing, swimming, and enjoying the benefits of the riverside lifestyle. These stories resonate with so many of us today as we continue to enjoy the riverside lifestyle half a century on.



Martin Coyle (front right) with family and committee recognising the Martin Coyle Bar



Family and friends in attendance for the Martin Coyle Bar

Thank you to our committee, staff, volunteers, and members for supporting the club. Your time, and energy contributes to our purpose of helping members love life on the river.

Catch you at the club!

Damien Gaspar General Manager

ANGLING REPORT

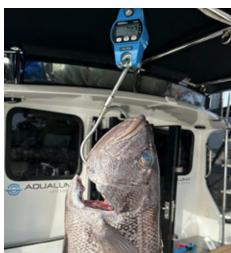
SYC Angling Season 2023/2024 Comp #6











We are halfway through our Season with the completion of the 6th Comp on the 17th December with 7 boats and 14 anglers battling the WA summer stiff breezes to get into the demersal fish. Yet another decent weigh-in with 5 new Season Records being set and 1 new Club Record.

The League Ladder for Champion Angler is hotting up with Owain Evans reclaiming top spot on the ladder and Jono Riley overtaking Gil into second place whilst retaining Top Boat position. There are some stiff challengers in both comps with Vice Commodore Mark Mac moving into 5th spot with James "Apsey" Aps clinging onto 4th spot after missing the last 2 comps!

The challenge to Jono Riley for Top Boat is tightening up too with Twisted Leeder (Owain Evans) and Sniper (Grant Raynor) slowly gaining ground just to shut Jono up as he's already printing commemorative shirts in expectation of a threepeat of Top Boat titles.

The next Fishing Competition will be held in January with weigh-ins at 4pm on the Sunday of the Comp.

Now that our season is fully underway, we are pleased to welcome new Angling Captain Owain Evans as our illustrious leader having taken over the hot seat from James Aps after some 7+ years of Captaincy. We also have a new look Committee in Grant Raynor, Ra Stewart, Jamie Dodds, Andrew "Joycee" Joyce and Brent "Hayzee" Hays with the purse strings being held tightly by Kevin Castensen as always. We'd like to sincerely thank our retiring Committee members for their hard work over in some case over may many years: lan Hall, Tim Burgess, Gil Sander, Travis Sims and Klaus Lochmuller.

We have grown to 44 official paid-up members with a healthy number of juniors and we welcome any keen angler who's a member of SYC to join up so pop down to watch one of our weigh in's and have a chat with our friendly members!







Weigh In Results

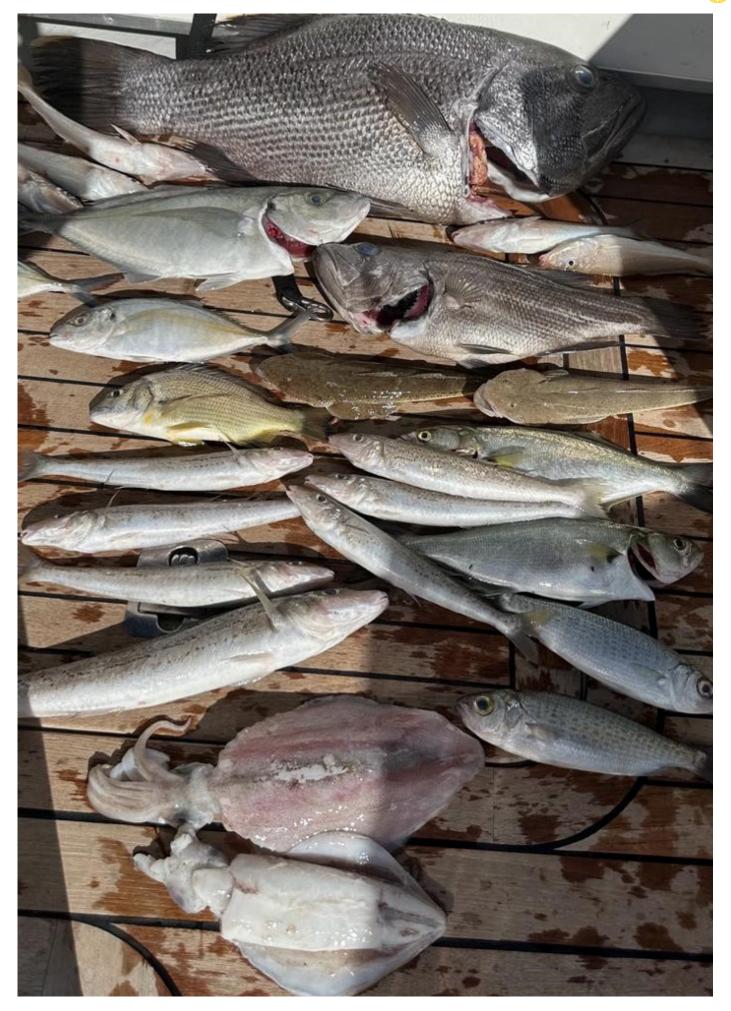
MONTH TOP ANGLER			MONTH TOP BOATS			
FIRST	Jono Riley	115 Points	FIRST	Twisted Leader	7.253kg	
SECOND	Hayden Conti	105 Points	SECOND	Life of Riley	6.946kg	
THIRD	Owain Evans	100 Points	THIRD	Sea Smoke	5.499kg	

SEASON TOP ANGLER			SEASON TOP BOATS			
FIRST	Owain Evans	575 Points	FIRST	Life of Riley	48.717kg	
SECOND	Jono Riley	550 Points	SECOND	Twisted Leader	34.721kg	
THIRD	Gil Sander	525 Points	THIRD	Sniper / Zero	21.700kg	

	PARTICIPATION PRIZES	WINNER
FIRST	Landing Net	Mark Mofflin

	CLUB RECORD HOLDERS								
DHUFISH	KING GEORGE	SAND WHITING	SNAPPER (PINK)	LEATHER JACKET					
Barry Lawrence 18.9kg	Tim Burgess 1.430kg	Gill Sander 0.34kg	Ken Bailey 9.276kg	Steve White 1.135kg					
SKIP JACK	SQUID	HERRING	B/SEA COD	FLAT HEAD					
Barry Lawrence 4.00kg	James Aps 1.405kg	Graham Dart 0.314kg	lan Graham 3.900kg	Greg Butler 2.599kg					
BALCHIN GROPER	FLOUNDER	BREAM/TARWHINE	CUTTLEFISH	TAILOR					
Neil Bailey 2.648kg 16/07/23	Owain Evans 0.394kg	Bee Anderson 0.694kg 13/08/23	James Aps 5.147kg 13/08/23	Hayden Conti 0.727kg 17/12/23					
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	BLUEFIN TUNA	YELLOWFIN TUNA	AMBJERJACK	SPANISH MACKEREL					
Beau Riley 12.972kg 18/06/23	Jono Riley 3.476kg 24/09/23	Jono Riley 7.658kg 14/04/23	Damon Johns 5.642kg 8/10/23	-					

	SKIPPERS PRIZE		MYSTERY FISH
FIRST	lan Hall	FIRST	Tailor, Tom Conti, 0.444kg





Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat Club Inc

This Season So Far

The first regatta of the Dragon Boating season was on Sunday 5th November, 20 seaters, the mixed crew started the season off coming 3rd in the 20x2000m race. The Women's crew followed it up their first victory of the season, winning the 20x200m. It was a great day and one of our best starts to a season in recent memory. We had a heap of debutants.

The next regatta was on Sunday December 3rd and the women started the day with a win in the 10x1000m and that really set the tone for the day showing consistent success winning 4 of the next 6 races. The Open crew was literally undermanned and with the help of juniors Alvin, Ashish, Fenella and Christie and out super U24s Emma and Chelsea they were very competitive in all races and managed a win in the 10x200m









Upcoming 2024 Events:

Regatta 3

14th January at Champion Lakes

Forza Twilight regatta

3rd February in Bunbury

Regatta 4

11th February at Champion Lakes.

Fremantle Dragon Boat Festival

25th February at the Fremantle Harbour.

DBWA State Championships

10th March at Champion Lakes.

Australian Dragon Boat Championships

Perth - Wed 17th April to Sun 21st April

2024 Hong Kong Trip June, date TBA

Welcoming All Generations

We extend a warm invitation to juniors aged 10-17, youth aged 18-23, premier paddlers aged 24-39, and our esteemed masters aged 40 and beyond. Every generation brings its unique energy, and we are committed to fostering a vibrant community that thrives on collaboration, respect, and shared goals.

Check out fsdbc.com and sign up for a free 4-week membership called Dragon pass.

See you on the water!

Wade Spackman

President

Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat Club











February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Karaoke on the River at 7pm	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 FSDBC Annual Quiz Night
18	19	20	21	22 ½ Yearly AGM (Formal Meeting)	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Easter Sunday	1	5	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Angling Club — Intra Comp Begins	13
14 Angling Club Intra Comp Concludes	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27
28	29	30				

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sports Day & Open Day	11	12	13	14	15 Karaoke on the River at 7pm.	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mothers Day Event	13	14	15	16 Karaoke on the River at 7pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Karaoke on the River at 7pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 SYC AGM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Corporate Challenge	27
28	29	30	31			

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fathers Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 Commodore's Masquerade Ball
8	9	10	11	12 Karaoke on the River at 7pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 AFL Grand Final
29	30					

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Karaoke on the River at 7pm	18	19 Opening Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Kids Christmas Party	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Lunch	26	27	28
29	30	31 NYE Concert				

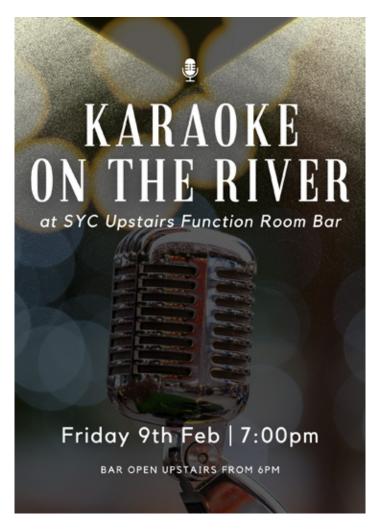
November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5 Melbourne Cup	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Karaoke on the River at 7pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Ladies Christmas Lunch	30



Upcoming 2024 Events

Karaoke On The River Friday the 9th of February



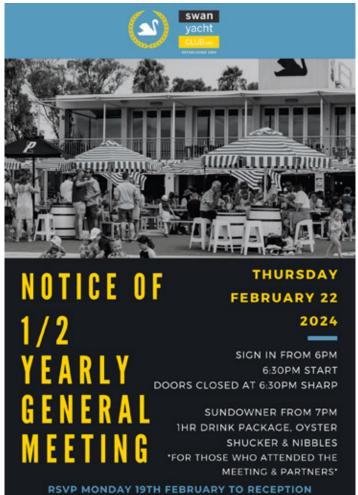
Valentines DinnerWednesday the 14th of February



Luna New Year Quiz Night Saturday the 17th of February



Half Yearly General Meeting Thursday the 22nd of February



A Day With Our Sports Stars Sunday the 12th of March



Commodore's Masquerade Ball Saturday the 7th of September



Ladies Christmas Luncheon Friday the 29th of November



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Swan Yacht Club Weekly Specials













Corporate Challenge Sponsors

We encourage all members to utilise the services offered by our Corporate Challenge Sponsors. The Swan Yacht Club puts our utmost trust and give a stamp of approval for all listed organisations and businesses below. Let's support local together!

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