HERON

National Newsletter June 2019

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter Editor - Kate Carey

Photo: Qld State Championships at Lake Cootharaba May 2019. Don't worry, those are Flying 11s to windward with spinnakers, not renegade Heron sailors!

Hello and welcome to the June edition of the Heron Newsletter. We hope this finds you all busy working on your Herons over winter in readiness for September and the start of a new season.

Included in this edition are the minutes of the AGM held on 14 May 2019. It was good to see 23 members attending, in person or by phone.

Committee members have been working hard to modernise the wording of the constitution to make it more relevant to today's methods of communication eg. email rather than post; and to make the wording more relatable and user friendly. If you haven't voted already don't forget to send in your vote by 8th July 2019.

If you haven't already committed to the Nationals this year, there's loads of information inside to help you book a fantastic family holiday including sensational sailing at Lake Cootharaba!

We are going retro with our 'Sail a Heron!' campaign

Heron sailing enthusiasm reached heady heights in the 1960s and 70s with membership in the Heron Association peaking at over 1400.

We're bringing back the iconic 'Sail a Heron' t -shirt from that era. Look out for your free t-shirt and trailer stickers with your membership renewal this year. Additional t-shirts will be available in a variety of sizes and colours and can be ordered at membership renewal time.

SAIL A HERON!

Find my Heron

Richard Gibson found this 1960s ad for the Mini-Matic car featuring Herons from Middle Harbour Heron Sailing Club in Sydney. Herons on the beach include 1583 SARANGA (Owned by Frank Jones and winner of the very first National Championship in 1960), 5678 MACS (later renamed POONBOON) and 4688 Fillyjonk. The photo is believed to have been taken circa 1968.

The huge task of digitising past Heron Newsletters, page by page, was recently completed by Richard Gibson and Justin Carey. Digitising the newsletters enables the text and images to be searched on the internet. Heroners can Google a boat number and find where their boat is mentioned in historic newsletters. Really interesting if you want to learn about the history of your boat or learn about the after-life of a Heron you may have once owned.

61st National Championship Update

Excitement is escalating for the 61st National Championships to be held at Lake Cootharaba 28th December 2019 - 3 January 2020. The Queensland crew have been busy preparing for some great sailing on the water and great fun off the water so you can turn your love for sailing Herons into a fabulous family holiday.

Our goal for the 61st Nationals is to have 61 Herons racing at the regatta. If you need any assistance with finding a boat or accommodation please contact us and we will see if we can help out.

You can find the regatta flyer with a schedule of events and accommodation information on the next page. You can also contact visitnoosa.com.au and mention you are competing in the Heron Sailing Nationals and they can help you with accommodation and tours.

The photos above are of the brand new National Association boat 10294. If you'd like to enter the competition for naming the new Heron go to the forum on the national website to post your ideas.

Notice of Race will be posted in September with event and merchandise order forms.

Follow us on social media:

Facebook - 61st Heron National Championship

https://www.facebook.com/2020HeronNationals/

Instagram - 2020heronnationals

https://www.instagram.com/2020heronnationals/

Queensland website

https://queenslandheronsailing.simdif.com/2019---20-nationals.html

Sailing and Social Program

28 Dec 2019 – 3 Jan 2020

Saturday 28 Dec
Registration and Measuring

Sunday 29 Dec
Registration and Measuring
Welcome Ceremony
Invitation Race
Evening event -Welcome drinks, dinner and Toad Races

Monday 30 Dec
Races 1 & 2

Tuesday 31 Dec
Races 3 & 4
Evening event – New Years Eve

Wednesday 1 Jan New Years Day – Lay Day

Thursday 2 Jan
Races 5 & 6
Evening event - Heron Idol

Friday 3 Jan
Races 7 & 8
Evening event – Presentation Night

Accommodation Options

Holiday Houses - Boreen Point Real Estate
https://bpre.net.au/holiday/

Cabins, Glamping and Camping Elanda Point - Habitat Noosa (5 minute drive)
https://www.habitatnoosa.com.au

Boreen Point Camping -
http://www.noosaholidayparks.com.au/boreen-point

Lake Cootharaba Motel -
http://www.cootharabamotel.com

Noosa – visitnoosa.com.au (25 minute drive)

Noosa – accomnoosa.com.au

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National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date	Tuesday 14 May 2019
Time	8.03pm AEST
Venue	Concord and Ryde Sailing Club, Putney, NSW and by teleconference
Chairperson	John Nobbs
Present	Paul Armstrong (PHSC), James Gough, Andrew Nelson, Wayne Spencer, Steve Donovan, Peter Connor, Mick Armstrong
By Phone	Brett Buckley, Chris Sant, John Deshon, John Nobbs, Richard Gibson, Justin Carey, Chris Carey, Peter Carey, Rohan Nosworthy, Jason Groves, Anthony Johnston, David Johnson, Robin Pidd, Paul Foster, Neil Bursford, Joy Gough
Apologies	Dougal McDougal

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
1	**Minutes from 2019 AGM**		
1.1	Motion: That the 2018 AGM meeting minutes be accepted as correct. Moved: John Deshon Seconded: John Nobbs	Note	
2	**Business arising from 2018 AGM**		
2.1			
3	**President's report**		
3.1	Motion: That the President's Report prepared by John Nobbs, refer attached, be accepted. Moved: Peter Carey Seconded: Anthony Johnston	Note	
4	**Treasurer's report**		
4.1	Motion: Richard Gibson provided a summary of the report. That the Treasurer's Report prepared by John Veale, refer attached, be accepted. Moved: John Nobbs Seconded: Richard Gibson	Note	
5	**Measurement**		
5.1	Wayne Spencer read the measurement committee report on behalf of Paul Armstrong (GFS), refer attached. At present measurement committee consists of Paul Armstrong, John Deshon, Don Jamieson, James Gough and Bill Peterson. **Action:** Richard Gibson - management committee needs to confirm the appointment and	Management Committee	30th September 2019

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	resignation process for the Measurement Committee. Motion: That the Measurement Report prepared by Paul Armstrong (GFS), refer attached, be accepted. Moved: James Gough Seconded: Wayne Spencer		
6	**Registrar's report**		
6.1	Discussion on "lapsed" A class boats and classification in general, in particular how to make information available to support buyers of second hand boats. **Action:** Andrew Nelson and Richard Gibson to investigate making a list available via the website. Motion: That the Registrar's Report prepared by Andrew Nelson, refer attached, be accepted. Moved: Peter Connor Seconded: Paul Armstrong (PH)	AN / RG	30th September 2019
7	**Newsletter**		
7.1	Richard Gibson & John Nobbs offered formal acknowledgment on behalf of the Association to Kate Carey for the quality of the Newsletter. John Deshon was pleased to note that we are moving to four editions per year. Motion: That the Newsletter Report by Kate Carey be accepted. Moved: Chris Sant Seconded: Andrew Nelson	Note	
8	**Website**		
8.1	Richard Gibson thanked Justin Carey for his help and inspiration on recent updates to the website. John Nobbs provided thanks to Richard Gibson for his work on the website and recently released Heron Buyer's Guide. Motion: That the Website Report prepared by Richard Gibson be accepted. Moved: Peter Carey Seconded: John Nobbs	Note	
9	**Election of Officers for 2019/20**		
9.1	President John Nobbs **Nom:** John Veale **Sec:** Wayne Spencer Vice President (NSW) Jason Groves Vice President (SA) Richard Gibson Vice President (QLD) Justin Carey		

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	Treasurer John Veale **Nom:** Justin Carey **Sec:** Andrew Nelson Secretary Wayne Spencer **Nom:** Chris Gildersleeve **Sec:** Steve Donovan Registrar Andrew Nelson **Nom:** Justin Carey **Sec:** Andrew Nelson Newsletter Editor Kate Carey **Nom:** John Nobbs **Sec:** Justin Carey Nominations (only one per role) were received before the meeting for all positions except State Vice Presidents. The State VP roles, all incumbents were returned to their positions.		
10	**Confirmation of Public Officer**		
	John Veale agreed to continue.		
11	**Appointment of Auditor**		
	Alex Milne has agreed to continue		
12	**Motions put to the AGM**		
		Note	
13	**General business**		
13.1	Discussion on proposed changes to the Heron Constitution. JN suggested the best way would be to form a sub-committee comprised of Justin Carey, John Deshon and Paul Armstrong (PHSC) to formulate changes. Neil Burford asked the reason for the changes. John Deshon confirmed changes were needs to legitimise modern communication methods and bring the constitution into line with current practices. Also (PA) to align with changes in the legislation under which the Association operates. Also, inconsistencies in the current constitution in the way in which the Life Members are appointed. **Action:** Subcommittee and terms of reference to be formed by the Management Committee.	Management Committee	30th June 2019
13.2	Peter Connor asked when the current proposals (distributed 17th February) for by-law changes to allow optional removal of rear thwart and floor boards would be voted upon. Suggested it would be good to have a decision in the off season to allow for changes before next season. John Nobbs /Justin Carey earliest time for voting would be 20th July allowing for the mandatory five-month period from the submission date. JN suggested the Committee would aim for August for both the Constitution and By-Law changes to be put to a vote. Jason Groves queried access to the membership list.	Management Committee	31st August 2019

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	Andrew Nelson felt that access could only be provided to specific information required for Association business. John Nobbs, will refer the issue back to the Management Committee to develop a policy to guide access to information having regard to requirements of privacy legislation (**Action**). Paul Armstrong, recommended that the Association seek consent from members at renewal to release their information for Heron Association business. Jason Groves, online registration, such as that used by NSW for events, would assist data management.	Management Committee	30th September 2019
14	**Meeting closed**		
14.1	The meeting was closed at 9.00pm AEST.	Note	
15	**Next meeting**		
13.1	Next AGM: **8.00pm AEST**, 12th May 2020	Note	

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Attachment 1: Presidents Report

Dear Members,

Here is the President's report for the sailing year 2018/2019.

This year was a lot like the curate's egg, good in parts! We are sorry to see the decline in the Tassie and Perth fleets, but there is stability in Victoria, NSW and SA, and Northern NSW and Qld are doing very well, with building interest and lots of boats on the water. As well Canberra is building a fleet, with Chris Sant and Sue Hextell geeing up things in prep for the Nationals that will be held there in 2021/2022

I would like to thank Richard Gibson for two fine achievements this year. RG is the immediate past president and has been our webmaster for the last few years. In this time, he has presided over the production of more comprehensive and professional layout.

Over the last year or so he, ably assisted by Justin Carey, has finished digitalising all the extant newsletters, dating back to first issue of June 1963. A quite long and laborious task, but one which seems to have had a powerful effect on the culture of the class, stimulating interest on a number of levels.

More recently he took it upon himself to write a Heron buying guide, which is now posted on the Heron Forum. This will prove to be a most useful asset, especially for those entering in the market for a 'not new' boat.

From a suggestion from Justin Carey, the management committee has commissioned a new boat from Dinghy Sports. It is absolutely ready to sail, with trolley and trailer, and the idea is that it should be available state by state.

Justin got the idea, I think, when some of his high-performance mates thought Freddy's boats were pretty cute, so he figured why not have one close by, just in case. Ready to sail… ready to sell. The committee thought it was a good promotional use of some of our banked funds, and we'll get the money back in the long term, and maybe do a roll over. It seems the best option is that it goes to whichever state has got an upcoming Nationals.

The same promotional idea applies as well to the $1500 assistance for each state to promote their Nationals. The precedence was set for Port Stephens, and continued for Perth, so the committee feels that is a good use of otherwise unused funds for promoting the class in a very practical fashion.

I'd like to thank John Veale, Andrew Nelson, Richard Gibson, Kate Carey, John Deshon, Justin Carey and especially Wayne Spencer for the sterling work and good natured support they have provided all year.

Thank you to all and look forward to seeing many of you on the Sunshine Coast for the 61st Nationals,

Yours Faithfully,

John Nobbs

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Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report

The Association's revenue from membership subscriptions was down this year to just under $6000, but this was partly offset by a fall in current expenditure, particularly for insurance and teleconferencing, leaving net revenue at $2347, around $300 less than last year.

This left our bank balance potentially higher once again.

Accordingly, the NHSA Committee agreed to promote the class by commissioning the building of another new Heron dinghy, complete with sails, launching dolly and road trailer. By the end of the Association's financial year, payments of $9,900 had been made and shortly after the balance of $7,100 was paid and will show in next year's accounts.

Taking this into account, the Association's assets at the date of this report (12 May 2019) are cash balances of over $24,300 and a brand new Heron dinghy ready to tow away and sail shown on the Association's books at a cost of $17,000. The new Heron dinghy is in the care of Justin Carey, who will be very happy to show it to anyone interested.

Once again, I am grateful to Alex Milne for reviewing the Association's accounts.

John Veale

Treasurer

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Accounts 2018-19					
Income	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Subscriptions and Handbooks	7034.60	8196.50	6770.00	6743.00	5959.20
Total Income	7034.60	8196.50	6770.00	6743.00	5959.20
Current Expenditure					
Website	0.00	-129.25	-44.00	-93.50	-220.00
Handbooks and plans	0.00	-463.43	0.00	-180.40	-440.03
Insurance	-1419.00	-1419.00	-1419.00	-1229.20	-865.02
Newsletter	-1353.04	-573.30	-188.50	0.00	0.00
Teleconferencing		-67.85	-393.11	-655.48	-319.93
Bank charges	-144.85	-128.23	-154.16	-142.18	-16.78
Loss on sale of Batmobile					-250.00
National Titles Promotion Expense				-1500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	-161.00	-87.00	-157.00	-275.00	0.00
Total	-3077.89	-2868.06	-2355.77	-4075.76	-3611.76
Net Revenue	3956.71	5328.44	4414.23	2667.24	2347.44
Assets					
Bank Deposits	26589.62	31918.06	36332.29	29499.53	31446.97
Heron Batmobile				9500.00	
New Heron progress payments					9900.00
Total Assets	26589.62	31918.06	36332.29	38999.53	41346.97
Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Members' Equity					
Retained earnings	22632.91	26589.62	31918.06	36332.29	38999.53
Net revenue	3956.71	5328.44	4414.23	2667.24	2347.44
Total Equity	26589.62	31918.06	36332.29	38999.53	41346.97

Attachment 3: Measurement Committee Report

Hi All,

Another fairly quiet year on the measurement front although again, plenty of healthy discussion regarding the revised proposals to remove the rear thwart and floorboards.

If this proposal does get passed then I believe the measurement committee needs to be heavily involved with setting out restrictions on how this can be done otherwise we will end up with a worse version of the carlin modifications we have been presented with over the years since this was accepted.

There were 8 boats presented for classification and 5 new class measurers were appointed;

NSW- Peter V and Jason Groves

QLD- Chris Carey and Brett Buckley

SA- Neil Burford

I would also like to specifically thank John Deshon for his ongoing assistance and support and his commitment to the rules and correct processes in maintain the class rules and constitution.

Plans and heron handbooks continue to be posted out with 1 set going to Idaho USA.

We have 2 handbooks left in stock.

Paul Armstrong

Chairman of the Measurement Committee

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Attachment 4: Registrar's Report

Current membership stands at 101. 30 members from 2017-18 have not renewed of whom 2 have indicated that they have either permanently or temporarily given up membership. Of the remaining 28, enquiries suggest that non-renewal may be membership lapse due to reasons such as temporarily not sailing or not intending to sail in a titles, or more permanent as children grow up, movement to another class, age, or other changes in personal circumstances. Unfortunately, with the departure of Simon Olding we no longer have any members registered in Tasmania.

At the end of 2018 membership looked to be down compared to previous years, but renewals connected to National and State titles (most markedly Queensland state titles) have since lifted the number to close to recent years. Nevertheless, initiatives are underway to better promote the class in order to maintain or increase membership.

Income from membership was $6267.50 to current date, compared to $6412.50 last year and $6430.00 in the 2016-17 year. Note that memberships paid late in one year carry over to next so it is not possible to precisely compare these figures.

Six new sail numbers have been issued, of which 3 were for new craft and 3 were for existing previously unregistered boats. The most recent number was 10294, for the association boat.

122 boats are currently registered against member's names, of which 93 are A classification.

Andrew Nelson

Registrar, Heron Association

Attachment 5: Website Report

The National Heron website continues to develop. Earlier in the year, a project to upload all available National Title results was completed. This was then followed by a project to scan and upload all newsletters issued since publication commenced in 1963. I'd like to thank Justin Carey, who assisted with scanning, and all members (and ex-members) who contributed to filling in gaps in our newsletter collection.

Google has now indexed the newsletters, so that it is possible to enter a boat name or number along with "heron" and "sailing" in a Google search to find newsletter references to it over the years. This facility has already been used by a number of people who are restoring and tracing the history of early boats.

I have recently written a Heron Buying Guide, which is now up on the "For Sale" page of the web site http://www.heronsailing.com.au/Heron%20Buying%20Guide.pdf This guide provides some explanation of the different types of Heron available on the market (e.g. framed timber/jig/ MkI/MkII), and variations in buoyancy, rig and sails that can be found. Any suggestions to enhance this guide are welcome!

A gallery page has recently been added. I am putting up scans of old pictures as well as new pictures as time permits.

I have some older VHS video from SA regattas that I hope to digitise and upload soon. I will be very happy to upload or link to other videos that illustrate aspects of Heron sailing.

I plan to upload instructions on how to fit side tanks to an older boat shortly.

The NSW and SA web sites are now set up as sub-sites on the National site. This can easily be done for any other state wanting to use the National web site space. The Wordpress format is easy to use and manage.

Richard Gibson

Webmaster, Heron Association

Attachment 6: Newsletter Report

In 2018 we produced two newsletters: the first in March focused on the 59th National Titles held in Port Stephens NSW and another in August focused on state reports and a new column Personality Profile (many thanks to Michael Groves for providing some great reading on his family history with the Heron class.) We did not receive any contributions from the Victorian fleet and would love to hear from them this year so we can share the great things happening in Victoria with the rest of the Heron fraternity.

In general, contributions for the newsletter tend to come from a consistent few contributors so we would like to encourage Heron members who have an interesting idea, or story to contact me on katedcarey@gmail.com.

The great work done to digitise all previous newsletters has underlined the value in having the newsletter as an historical record of the class and association. To that end we have committed to preparing four newsletters in 2019 which will capture not only the good stories from around the states but also document outcomes of the AGM and any other relevant general meetings and committee decisions throughout the year.

Once again, if anyone in the Heron community has something they wish to see published please send ideas to me at the email above.

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and feel free to send feedback, either via the Heron forum or directly to me so we can continue to provide a newsletter that is enjoyable and informative for all.

I look forward to seeing you all at Lake Cootharaba for the 61st Heron National Championships starting on the 28th December.

Cheers

Kate Carey, 10280 Little Miss Magic

Newsletter Editor, Heron Association