

Report on the LHBA Annual Meeting

The LHBA's Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday at the Dampier Bay Maritime Training Centre. As promised, we kept the business meeting as short as possible. The Chairman's Report and Treasurer's Report, along with our Audited Financial Report were approved and entered into the minutes.

Those who attended also had an opportunity to elect our newest committee members; Andrew Turner (Empire Hotel), Helen Hobson (Harbour Light). Shortly after the meeting adjourned several members also suggested adding Marie Malone (Min Sarginson Realty) to the committee as well. Marie's agreed to come on board as well. We'll make this official at our next Committee meeting. We'd like to welcome these folks to the Committee. I'm sure they will be contributing greatly to LHBA's continued success.

We also had an opportunity to briefly discuss matters around the inner harbour usage including the location of the ferry terminal and the lack of available space for charter boat operators to use for loading and off-loading passengers.

Many members were also surprised to hear that City Care had been re-sealing several streets around Lyttelton, with what appeared to be little or no notification of residents impacted by these road works. I took the opportunity Friday AM to stop by the Council Service Centre on London Street to ask if there was a schedule of any further work to be done. The gentleman responsible is a Mr. Alan Cameron with CCC. If you need additional information Mr. Cameron is available at 941-8946.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all our members that Andrew Stark is representing the LHBA at the Community Advisory Group which is intended to provide guidance and input from the Community to the decision makers at CCC, LPC, etc. regarding the ferry terminal. For Andrew to represent us effectively he needs your comments. If you have an opinion on these matter please let Andrew know as soon as possible.

Following the meeting we had an outstanding BBQ. Thanks again to LPC, Lyttelton Engineering and Stark Bros. for sponsoring this event, and to our member businesses, Ground and Mondo Vino for their contributions as well. I'm sure all that were there will attest to the fine job Mike Rossouw (Jack Tar Sailing Co.) did manning the BBQ and

turning out an amazing array, not to mention quantity, of ribs, chicken and sausages.

Great wine, good food, an up-close outlook over a flotilla of yachts and outstanding company made for a truly memorable evening. Thanks to all who joined us. If you missed it, try harder next time. We'll be sure not to wait another year to do this again.

Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year!

Bill Skelton
Chairman