

NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.



“Fire Stopping”
STATE CHAMPION

2009 - 2010

**89th Annual Report
& Financial Statements**

CLUB OFFICIALS

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President: Keith GODDARD

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held on SATURDAY 7th AUGUST 2010
at the BELMONT 16ft SAILING CLUB LTD
commencing at 2.00pm

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 2009-2010

Patron:

L.W. (Bill) RILEY

President:

RIV ROBSON

Vice President:

MARK GRAHAM

Commodore:

LLOYD MULHOLLAND

Vice Commodore:

JOHN ANDREW

Hon. Secretary:

MICHAEL McMAHON

Assistant Hon. Secretary:

BRAD ANDREW (resigned December 2009)

Hon. Treasurer:

BELINDA SHERRY

Hon. Auditor:

BRIAN TRELEAVEN (appointed May 2010)

Starter & Judge:

RIV ROBSON

Timekeeper:

LLOYD MULHOLLAND

Assistant Timekeeper:

IAN HERITAGE

Measuring Committee:

JOHN ANDREW, KIERAN HUMPHRIES,
CLINT BOWEN

Race Committee:

MICHAEL McMAHON, IAN HERITAGE,
RIV ROBSON, LLOYD MULHOLLAND,
JOHN ANDREW

Handicappers:

MICHAEL McMAHON, PAUL LINNETT,
IAN HERITAGE

Historian:

FRANK BONNITCHA

Boat Registrar:

CRAIG CORKE

LIFE MEMBERS NSW 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION

Deceased Life Members:

Mr A.M. MERRINGTON

Mr W. KENNEDY

Mr W.R. MERRIFIELD

Mr W.H. REYNOLDS

Mr W.C. STEANES

Mr F.R. STEWARD

Mr T. DOOHAN

Mr H. TELLEFSEN

Mr C.H. WOOD

Mr C.H. WEBB

Mr J.G. GRAHAM

Mr T. HUMPHRIES

Mr L.R. COLLIS

Mr R.O. SMEE

Mr P. DEPENA

Mr W. SALTON

Mr H. PRICE

Mr W. WEBB

Mr W. LYNG

Mr D.B. CARVER

Mr R. SCHROTER

Mr W.M. STEWART

Mr E. COLLIS

Mrs M. GAMBLE

Mr T. FAWKNER

Mr. J. BURNICLE

Mr D. TREHARNE

Mr J. STEWART

Mr A.J. BEECHAM

Mr W. CUKE

Mr L. JONES

Mr J. RAY

Mr J. MERRINGTON

Present Life Members:

Mr R. STILGOE

Mr R. FERGUSON OAM

Mr A. MASCORD

Mrs S. ANDERSON

Mr J. ANDREW OAM

Mr L. MULHOLLAND

Mr L.W. RILEY

Mr M. GRAHAM

Mr F. BONNITCHA

Mr R. ROBSON OAM

Mr A.J. JAMIESON

LIFE PATRON

Mr C.H. WOOD (Deceased)

NUMBER OF 16ft SKIFFS REGISTERED IN EACH ZONE

CENTRAL ZONE

DRUMMOYNE	6
MANLY	28
MIDDLE HARBOUR	9

NORTHERN ZONE

BELMONT	24
PORT HUNTER	7

SOUTHERN ZONE

GEORGES RIVER	7
ILLAWARRA	9
ST. GEORGE	6

CLUB ATTENDANCE AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS (MEETINGS HELD - 11)

BELMONT	11	ILLAWARRA	10	PORT HUNTER	0
DRUMMOYNE	10	MANLY	11	ST. GEORGE	7
GEORGES RIVER	11	MIDDLE HARBOUR ..	11		

CLUB CHAMPIONS 2009-2010

BELMONT	<i>Straight Azz Wall & Floor Tiling..</i>	Joel ROSE
DRUMMOYNE	<i>Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.....</i>	Bruce MOORE
GEORGES RIVER	<i>Brydens Compensation Lawyers..</i>	Lee KNAPTON
ILLAWARRA	<i>Tru Energy.....</i>	Phil BOWER
MANLY	<i>Sutech Building Consultants.....</i>	Daniel TURNER
MIDDLE HARBOUR	<i>Bob Jane T-Mart Edgecliffe</i>	Nathan WILMOT
PORT HUNTER	<i>RT Signs.....</i>	Paul BENNETT
ST. GEORGE	<i>Nuaire.....</i>	Luke BOOTH

CLUB POINT SCORE WINNERS 2009-2010

BELMONT	<i>Tooheys Extra Dry.....</i>	Justin SHARROCK
DRUMMOYNE	<i>Express Boat Covers.....</i>	Frank MOLONEY
GEORGES RIVER	<i>Jetmaster Fireplaces.....</i>	Glenn YORK
ILLAWARRA	<i>New Boat</i>	Paul LINNETT
MANLY	<i>Cernunnos.....</i>	Jim KERRISON
MIDDLE HARBOUR	<i>Immigrant</i>	Alexandra DEAKIN
PORT HUNTER	<i>RT Signs.....</i>	Paul BENNETT
ST. GEORGE	<i>Nuaire.....</i>	Luke BOOTH

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Congratulations once again to the 2009-10 New South Wales 16ft Skiff Champions from the Manly Club, "**Fire Stopping**", skipper James Dorron and crew James Bury and Rob Napper. Congratulations also to the 2009-10 Australian 16ft Skiff Champions, again from the Manly Club, "**Fluid Building Services**", skipper Clint Bowen and crew Anthony King and Brent Dennis.

Both the State and National Titles were the usual hard fought events with many a tale of both bad luck and poor wind, but in the end, true champions will prevail.

It is very pleasing to see the progress of the 13ft skiffs, particularly at the Belmont Nationals where we had 22 entries including a 6 boat contingent from Queensland, with an entourage of about 50 family and friends. Without their attendance it would have been far less of a spectacle.

I take this opportunity to say thank you to our Historian of many years, Frank Bonnitcha who has recently moved to a Drummoyne Nursing Home. We have all appreciated the many stories that Frank, has written in our annual reports. Many people would not appreciate the amount of behind the scenes work that Frank has done over many years, including almost 20 years as Association Treasurer.

The drop in numbers of skiff registrations is still of concern. Whilst the decrease has stabilised in the last three years, I think the trend for a decline in numbers is across Sailing generally as a sport. Some people are of the opinion that the cost is getting too great for the average wage earner. I'm not so sure, I think that probably priorities have changed. If anyone can assist with ideas to increase numbers please let me know.

Thank you very much to all the club officials who have shown us their hospitality in the past year at all of the regattas. Thanks also to all of the Association delegates and officials for your assistance throughout the year.

LLOYD MULLHOLLAND
Commodore

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The State Championship was sailed with four heats over two weekends, heats 1 and 2 sailed at St. George and heats 3 and 4 sailed at Manly. As there was no breeze for heat 4, the race had to be abandoned and the championship was determined over three heats. The Championship was won by "**Fire Stopping**" from the Manly Club. Congratulations to both clubs for hosting a successful series.

The Australian Championship was hosted by the Belmont Club. The breezes were varied and somewhat inconsistent for the series. As a result, this made it a keenly contested series with the championship eventually being won by "**Fluid Building Services**" from the Manly Club. I extend my thanks to the officials and members of the Belmont Club for their assistance in making it a very successful carnival.

The 2010–2011 Australian Championship will be hosted by the Royal Queensland Yacht Club at Manly in Brisbane and we wish them all the best for a successful carnival.

Congratulations to the 13ft skiffs for their excellent conduct on and off the water during their State and Australian Championships. It is pleasing to see that the number of boats is on the increase.

A special thanks to the Association Executive and Officials and the clubs for their support during the season as without their support the Association does not function efficiently.

In closing, I extend to the incoming Executive, Officers and Officials my wishes for a very successful 2010–11 season.

RIV ROBSON OAM
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The number of skiffs registered this season continued the plateauing trend of the last few seasons, with registrations increasing by one to 96 (2008/09 - 95).

The State Championship format continued with the four race format, although the series was again decided on three races (no drops), with the final race at Manly having to be abandoned due to lack of wind. Each of the State Championship races attracted reasonable fleets, around 41 starters on average.

Whilst a motion to extend the State Championships to a six race series was lost at the beginning of the 2009/10 season, a similar motion has recently been passed to commence in the 2010/11 season. There will now be six races at three different clubs over three weekends in late October and November each season. Skiffs will still be able to drop their worst race.

Association meetings were again held on a monthly basis during the season and were generally well attended by most clubs. Due to the fact that the Middle Harbour Club was closed in May 2009 for renovation (and is still closed), meeting venues alternated between Manly and Georges River.

At the Australian Championship Carnival held at Belmont in January, a Steering Committee was set up to discuss issues affecting the Class and its future direction. Its main focus was to be carbon spars, cost of new boats and general promotion of the Class. At this stage, a sub-Committee has reviewed the previous Carbon Spar Report, published in July 2007, and updated comparisons between carbon and aluminium. Their report, together with recommendations, including a notice of motion to adopt carbon, was published in mid-July.

Towards the end of the season, advice was received that the St George Club had been placed under external administration. It is hoped that a financial solution can be found to allow the Club to continue its long sailing tradition. The Manly Club is currently discussing the possibility of an amalgamation. The Club was formed in 1897 and has been sailing 16ft skiffs since the 1910's. During the late 1960's and early 70's, the Club had over between 45 and 50 skiffs registered each season. This is a far cry from the numbers racing in the last few seasons. It would, nonetheless, be sad to see a Club with such a long sailing tradition fade into history.

Congratulations go to James Dorrn and the crew of "**Fire Stopping**", James Bury and Rob Napper in taking out the State Championship.

MICHAEL McMAHON
Hon. Secretary

13ft SKIFF REPORT

The 13ft Skiff Class is definitely becoming one of the most dominant and competitive classes in the youth category. The State Championship results this season were as follows:

1 st	“Northside Sailing School”	(Scott Cotton and Rob Size)	Middle Harbour
2 nd	“Tyres and More”	(Matt Stenta and Josh McKnight)	Manly
3 rd	“Fluid Building Services”	(Georgia Clancy and Alanna Clancy)	Manly

The Nationals this year was sailed on Lake Macquarie at Belmont with the biggest fleet so far, comprising 22 boats. The conditions were light to moderate. The series was won by **“Northside Sailing School”** sailed by Scott Cotton and Rob Size from Middle Harbour with **“MBH 2”** from Manly sailed by Olivia Price and Kieran Searle. Third place went to **“Tyres and More”** sailed by Matt Stenta and Josh McKnight.

There has been continued growth in the class particularly in Queensland. It has been important to foster this growth through the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association who can see the class assisting with the revival of 16ft skiffs in that State and the 13ft skiff class becoming the most popular class of choice for youths. The fleet in Queensland has grown to 7 with another two boats currently being built using the Association mould. With the National Championships in Brisbane next season it is expected that Queensland will have a strong representation.

It has also been noticed that the sailors coming through from the 13ft skiff class to the 16's is assisting with maintaining the 16 numbers. This year is no different, with the 2009 National champions Dan Watterson and Rick Plain sailing the 16 **“V.K. Thomas”**. Already a number of sailors from the 2010 Nationals have organized themselves to sail in the 16's this coming season and this is exactly the result that will contribute to keeping the 16ft skiff class and Association strong.

I would like to thank all the officials who helped with starting, on water supervision and administration of the class during the year. Also my thanks to the sponsors who have helped to get the boats on the water and to regatta events. Without the support of all of these people, the development of this great class and the maintaining of the 16ft skiff class numbers would not be possible.

Mark Graham
13ft Skiff Class Coordinator

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special financial report of NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc. ("the Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 May 2010 for the year then ended, the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. The committee's responsibilities include designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud and error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depended on the auditors judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc. as at 31 May 2010 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales.

Brian Treleaven
PO Box 454, SWANSEA NSW 2281

Dated: 15 June 2010

**NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010**

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report set out in the accompanying pages:-

- a) Present a true and fair view of the financial position of NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc as at 31 May 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc will be able to meet its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:-

Riv Robson
President

Michael McMahon
Secretary

Dated this 15th day of July 2010

**NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.
COMMITTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010**

Your Executive Committee submits the financial report of NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc for the year ended 31 May 2010.

Executive Committee Members

Riv Robson
John Andrew
Belinda Sherry

Michael McMahon
Mark Graham
Lloyd Mulholland

Principle Activities

The principal activity of the Association during the year was to provide an administrative body over the members of the Association.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of this activity occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit amounted to \$4,544.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the members of the Executive Committee.

Riv Robson
President

Michael McMahon
Secretary

Dated: 15 July 2010

**NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales. The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act New South Wales and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110 Events Occurring After Balance Sheet Date; and
AASB 1031 Materiality.

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Non-Current Assets

The depreciable amount of all fixed (non-current) assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The carrying amounts of the Dumaresq Cup, Chas Wood Handicap Point Score Trophy, State 16ft Skiff Championship Trophy, Australian 16ft Skiff Championship Trophy and Australian 13ft Skiff Championship Trophy were all independently valued during the 2006/07 financial year. The Australian 16ft Skiff Championship Trophy and the Australian 13ft Skiff Championship Trophy are presented for events conducted by the Australian 16ft Skiff Association but are owned by the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Inc. The Australian 13ft Skiff Championship Trophy was originally donated to the Association by the Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club.

(b) Income Tax

As the Association is a not-for-profit sporting body, it is exempt from income tax under section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

	2010	2009
INCOME	\$	\$
Affiliation fees	1,250	1,091
Beach entries	0	60
Regatta entry fees	14,550	13,760
New hull fees	240	1,200
Registration fees	7,315	7,245
Interest received	0	3,317
	<u>23,355</u>	<u>26,673</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Association Shirts & Jackets	1,366	2,324
Advertising & promotion	0	182
Australian Title Entries	1,800	0
Bank charges	140	120
Computer expenses	0	100
Depreciation	618	875
General expenses	1,372	661
Honorarium	3,000	3,000
Insurance	2,967	1,483
Internet costs	930	1,177
Pennants & trophies	231	231
Postage	61	55
Printing & stationery	509	619
Prizemoney paid	4,290	4,650
13ft skiff costs	110	1,834
Travel cost - officials	1,417	1,670
	<u>18,811</u>	<u>18,981</u>
Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Income Tax	<u>4,544</u>	<u>7,692</u>
Operating Profit /(Loss) After Income Tax	<u><u>4,544</u></u>	<u><u>7,692</u></u>
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	74,981	67,289
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	<u><u>79,525</u></u>	<u><u>74,981</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

These financial statements have been subject to audit or review and should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report

**NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2010**

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
MEMBER'S FUNDS		
Asset revaluation reserve	24,800	24,800
Retained profits	79,525	74,981
TOTAL MEMBER'S FUNDS	<u><u>104,325</u></u>	<u><u>99,781</u></u>
Represented by:		
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Dumaresq Cup - at valuation	5,500	5,500
Chas Wood Handicap Point Score Trophy - at valuation	5,000	5,000
State 16ft Skiff Championship Trophy - at valuation	5,500	5,500
Australian 16ft Skiff Championship Trophy - at valuation	8,000	8,000
Australian 13ft Skiff Championship Trophy - at valuation	800	800
	<u>24,800</u>	<u>24,800</u>
 Computer equipment - at cost	 6,746	 6,746
<i>Less</i> accumulated depreciation	<u>6,445</u>	<u>6,242</u>
	301	504
 Office equipment - at cost	 1,096	 1,096
<i>Less</i> accumulated depreciation	<u>1,062</u>	<u>1,054</u>
	34	42
 Electronic scales - at cost	 2,120	 2,120
<i>Less</i> accumulated depreciation	<u>1,955</u>	<u>1,914</u>
	165	206
 16ft skiff measuring frame - at cost	 2,000	 2,000
<i>Less</i> accumulated depreciation	<u>1,906</u>	<u>1,874</u>
	94	126
 13ft skiff mould - at cost	 7,000	 7,000
<i>Less</i> accumulated depreciation	<u>5,923</u>	<u>5,654</u>
	1,077	1,346
 Seiko stop watch - at cost	 730	 730
<i>Less</i> accumulated depreciation	<u>579</u>	<u>514</u>
	151	216
	<u>26,622</u>	<u>27,240</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank - General account	20,705	12,253
Commonwealth Bank - Term Deposit	62,178	62,178
Amounts owing by clubs	910	510
	<u>83,793</u>	<u>74,941</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>110,415</u></u>	<u><u>102,181</u></u>

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**NEW SOUTH WALES 16ft SKIFF ASSOCIATION INC.
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2010**

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
13ft Skiff Mould Use Deposit	0	600
Other Creditors	6,090	1800
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,090	2,400
NET ASSETS	104,325	99,781

TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank most clubs for keeping their accounts up to date. This certainly makes my job easier.

The Income Statement shows that we achieved a surplus of income over expenditure this year of \$4,544. This is a reduction on last year. Part of the reason is the reduction in interest received, which is due to the fact that our Term Deposit was renewed for a three year period, with interest to be accounted for on maturity. Whilst it accumulates on an annual basis, it will not actually be paid till the deposit is due in January 2012. A total of \$10,834 will be payable at that time.

The Association's financial position remains strong. It is expected that we will continue to look at ways of returning some of our surplus through prizemoney and investing in the Class' future, in particular, the 13ft skiffs.

On behalf of the Association, I offer my thanks and appreciation to Mark Graham for again giving his time to prepare the Financial Statements for the year in an honorary capacity. This year I would also like to especially thank Brian Treleaven, who previously sailed in 16's at St George, for taking on the role of honorary auditor.

BELINDA SHERRY
Treasurer

INTERCLUB REGATTAS

ILLAWARRA 3rd October 2009 South 10-20 knots (easing)	ILLAWARRA 4th October 2009 East South East 8-13 knots (fading to 5 kts)	PORT HUNTER 31st October 2009 East 10-16 knots	ST GEORGE 14th November 2009 (Heat 1 State Cship) North-East 10-15 knots	ST GEORGE 15th November 2009 (Heat 2 State Cship) South-East 13-20 knots
<p style="text-align: center;">CHAMPIONSHIP</p> Fluid Building Services TruEnergy Straight Azz Tiling New Boat Brydens Compensation Lawyers Eco Smart Energy VK Thomas Lakeview Constructions Jetmaster Fireplaces Compo	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAMPIONSHIP</p> Straight Azz Tiling Brydens Compensation Lawyers VK Thomas Gill Eco Smart Energy TruEnergy Jetmaster Fireplaces Compo New Boat Lakeview Constructions	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAMPIONSHIP</p> OAS Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri Straight Azz Tiling Sutech Building Consultants Eco Smart Energy AB Window Fashions Tooheys Extra Dry Gill Hahn Super Dry Jetmaster Fireplaces	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAMPIONSHIP</p> Fire Stopping Brydens Compensation Lawyers OAS Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri Straight Azz Tiling Aero Sails AB Window Fashions Fluid Building Services Sutech Building Consultants Sheads First National	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAMPIONSHIP</p> Brydens Compensation Lawyers Fluid Building Services Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri Fire Stopping Sutech Building Consultants TruEnergy Bob Jane T-Marts Edgecliff OAS Aristocrat Century Batteries
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DUMARESQ CUP - BELMONT 14th February 2010 1st - Lift Skin, Body, Beauty (Caroline Phillips-Hale)		BOTANY BAY CHAMPIONSHIP (Stuart Shield) - ST GEORGE 7th March 2010 1st - Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri (Kieran Humphries)		

INTERCLUB REGATTAS continued

<p align="center">MANLY 28th November 2009 (Heat 3 State Cship) North 10-20 knots</p>	<p align="center">MANLY 29th November 2009 (Heat 4 State Cship) Variable 0-3 knots</p>	<p align="center">DRUMMOYNE 5th December 2009 East 10-15 knots</p>	<p align="center">BELMONT 14th February 2010 (cloudy some rain) ENE shifting WNW 0-8 knots (then 14kts WNW)</p>
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<p align="center">STARTERS - 48 FINISHERS - 39</p>	<p align="center">STARTERS - 45 FINISHERS - N/A</p>	<p align="center">STARTERS - 18 FINISHERS - 16</p>	<p align="center">STARTERS - 31 FINISHERS - 25</p>
<p>AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP - BELMONT 13th February 2010 1st - Straight Azz Tiling (Joel Rose)</p>			

ASSOCIATION POINT SCORE

REGATTA CLUB	Illawarra (Saturday)	Illawarra (Sunday)	Port Hunter	St George (Saturday)	St George (Sunday)	Manly (Saturday)	Manly (Sunday)	Drummoyne	Belmont	State Championship	Dumaresq Cup	Final Points
Belmont	223	500	1259	613	445	517	0	173	977	504	1154	6365
Manly	567	100	249	709	631	1161	0	899	314	818	77	5525
Georges River	129	528	84	385	528	52	0	360	356	371	53	2846
Illawarra	567	180	23	52	111	41	0	21	63	59	377	1494
Middle Harbour	45	223	42	82	96	85	0	115	45	95	15	843
St George	0	0	0	15	24	0	0	0	19	9	67	134
Drummoyne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	78
Port Hunter	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63

CHAS. WOOD HANDICAP POINT SCORE TROPHY

REGATTA CLUB	Illawarra (Saturday)	Illawarra (Sunday)	Port Hunter	St George (Saturday)	St George (Sunday)	Manly (Saturday)	Manly (Sunday)	Drummoyne	Belmont	Final Points
Belmont	149	500	357	242	1149	245	0	51	1154	3847
Illawarra	1169	213	26	366	360	34	0	21	377	2566
Manly	56	67	244	415	99	768	0	490	77	2216
Middle Harbour	31	223	37	580	61	646	0	83	15	1676
Georges River	126	528	200	92	117	163	0	379	53	1658
Port Hunter	0	0	856	0	0	0	0	0	0	856
Drummoyne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	622	0	622
St George	0	0	0	16	49	0		0	67	277

NSW 16ft SKIFF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009/2010

Pl.	SKIFF	SKIPPER	CLUB	Ht 1 StG	Ht 2 StG	Ht 3 Man	Ht 4 Man	PTS	DROP	TOTAL
1	FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrton	MAN	1	4	3		8	N/A	8
2	BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Lee Knapton	GR	2	1	9		12	N/A	12
3	OAS	Danny Anderson	BEL	3	8	2		13	N/A	13
4	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	MAN	8	2	4		14	N/A	14
5	MITRE 10 KURRI KURRI	Kieran Humphries	BEL	4	3	7		14	N/A	14
6	SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	MAN	9	5	1		15	N/A	15
7	AERO SAILS	Adrian Nash	MAN	6	11	6		23	N/A	23
8	BOB JANE T-MARTS EDGECLIFFE	Nathan Wilmot	MH	15	7	8		30	N/A	30
9	TRUENERGY	Phil Bower	ILL	16	6	11		33	N/A	33
10	STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose	BEL	5	14	15	R	34	N/A	34
11	CENTURY BATTERIES	Jack Andrew	BEL	12	10	12	A	34	N/A	34
12	BIGFOOT BAGS AND COVERS	Graeme Ferguson	MAN	19	15	5	C	39	N/A	39
13	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges	BEL	7	19	13	E	39	N/A	39
14	NEW BOAT	Paul Linnett	ILL	13	17	19		49	N/A	49
15	SHEADS FIRST NATIONAL	Marilyn Sorensen	MH	10	18	22	A	50	N/A	50
16	HAHN SUPER DRY	Dale Cummings	BEL	AVE	13	27	B	60	N/A	60
17	ARISTOCRAT	Robert Flanagan	BEL	DNF	9	10	A	61	N/A	61
18	COUGAR BOURBON	Craig Corke	BEL	23	21	17	N	61	N/A	61
19	THE HERALD	Adam Piper	BEL	22	12	31	D	65	N/A	65
20	ECO SMART ENERGY	Patrick Levy	MAN	14	DNF	14	O	65	N/A	65
21	VK THOMAS	Daniel Watterson	MH	25	24	18	N	67	N/A	67
22	LINCRAFT	Drew Spring	MH	21	25	21	E	67	N/A	67
23	JETMASTER FIREPLACES	Glenn York	GR	20	20	30	D	70	N/A	70
24	GILL	James Ward	GR	11	DNF	24		72	N/A	72
25	TOOHEYS EXTRA DRY	Justin Sharrock	BEL	18	DNF	20		75	N/A	75
26	THE BIG H	Hugh Tait	MH	32	28	23		83	N/A	83
27	INDEPENDENT GAMING	Mitch Cini	BEL	30	16	DNF		87	N/A	87
28	BRUCE GAULT BOAT BUILDER & REPAIR	Bruce Gault	StG	24	22	DNF		87	N/A	87
29	TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls	MAN	17	DNF	DNF		95	N/A	95

NSW 16ft SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIPS continued

30	COMPO	Andrew Beazely	ILL	33	23	DNF		97	N/A	97
31	INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox	GR	DSQ	DNF	25		104	N/A	104
32	TOO BEE	Skye McFadyen	MAN	26	DNF	DNF		104	N/A	104
33	LABEC	Ben Bradley	GR	29	26	DNS		105	N/A	105
34	TOM & FRANKS	Neale Jones	BEL	DNS	27	29		106	N/A	106
35	BE YOUR BEST PERSONAL TRAINING	Rod Hozack	MAN	28	DNF	DNF		106	N/A	106
36	KOFM 102.9	Adam Gillson	BEL	31	DNS	28		109	N/A	109
37	NET KIOSK	Phillip Cooke	MAN	DNS	DNS	16		116	N/A	116
38	JLE ELECTRICAL	John de Montfort	MAN	DNF	DNS	26		118	N/A	118
39	ICMG	Scott Anderson	MAN	34	DNS	34		118	N/A	118
40	GIRO CONSTRUCTIONS	Robert Nievergelt	MH	DNF	DNS	33		125	N/A	125
41	CAVES BEACH BUTCHERY	David Stewart	BEL	27	DNS	DNS		127	N/A	127
42	LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey	ILL	DNF	DNF	DNS		129	N/A	129
43	DAVID MARSHALL FIRST NATIONAL	Ashley Banks	BEL	DNS	DNS	32		132	N/A	132
44	IMMIGRANT	Alexandra Deakin	MH	DNF	DNS	DNS		142	N/A	142

Congratulations to James Dorrn and crew of James Bury and Rob Napper on winning the State Championship

NSW 13ft SKIFF STATE TITLES 2009/2010

PL.	SKIFF	SKIPPER	CLUB	Ht 1 StG	Ht 2 StG	Ht 3 Man	Ht 4 Man	PTS	DROP	TOTAL
1	NORTHSIDE SAILING SCHOOL	Scott Cotton	MH	1	1	2	A	4	N/A	4
2	TYRES AND MORE	Matt Stenta	MAN	2	2	1	B	5	N/A	5
3	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Georgia Clancy	MAN	5	3	4	A	12	N/A	12
4	SYDNEY SWANS	Ben Gunton	MH	4	DNF	3	N	19	N/A	19
5	NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Emily MacLaurin	MAN	6	4	DNF	D	20	N/A	20
6	BOB JANE T-MARTS	Tom Potter	MH	8	8	5	O	21	N/A	21
7	MBH & ASSOCIATES	Riley Graham	MAN	9	6	DNF	N	25	N/A	25
8	ONE SCRAP	Josh Moore	MH	3	5	DNS	E	28	N/A	28
9	HAPHAZARD	Jack McNally	MH	DNF	9	DNF	D	30	N/A	30
10	SWITCHED ON INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin	MAN	7	7	DNS		34	N/A	34
11	LIVEWIRE	Tim Forbes-Smith	MH	DNS	DNF	DNS		49	N/A	49

Congratulations to Scott Cotton and Rob Size on winning the 13ft skiff State Championship

REGATTA INDIVIDUAL FASTEST TIME POINT SCORE

<i>Place</i>	<i>Skiff</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Lee Knapton	GR	14
2	STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose	Bel	21
3	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	Man	22
4	SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	Man	39
5	ECO SMART ENERGY	Patrick Levy	Man	50
6	TRUENERGY	Phil Bower	IYC	59
7	JETMASTER FIREPLACES	Glenn York	GR	72
8	BOB JANE T-MARTS EDGECLIFF	Nathan Wilmot	MH	78
9	VK THOMAS	Daniel Watterson	MH	79
10 (C/back)	COMPO	Graeme Fairbairn	IYC	80
11 (C/back)	FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrton	Man	80
12 (C/back)	OAS	Danny Anderson	Bel	80
13	MITRE 10 KURRI KURRI	Kieran Humphries	Bel	83
14	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges	Bel	91
15	AERO SAILS	Adrian Nash	Man	95
16	NEW BOAT	Paul Linnett	IYC	111
17 (C/back)	BIGFOOT BAGS & COVERS	Graeme Ferguson	Man	116
18 (C/back)	CENTURY BATTERIES	Jack Andrew	Bel	116
19	ARISTOCRAT	Robert Flanagan	Bel	120
20	GILL	James Ward	GR	123

REGATTA INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP POINT SCORE

<i>Place</i>	<i>Skiff</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	JETMASTER FIREPLACES	Glenn York	GR	49
2	COMPO	Graeme Fairbairn	IYC	57
3	BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Lee Knapton	GR	58
4	ECO SMART ENERGY	Patrick Levy	Man	59
5	VK THOMAS	Daniel Watterson	MH	75
6	STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose	Bel	81
7	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	Man	82
8	TRUENERGY	Phil Bower	IYC	83
9	THE BIG H	Hugh Tait	MH	96
10	FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrton	Man	108
11	SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	Man	110
12	OAS	Danny Anderson	Bel	111
13	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges	Bel	115
14	MITRE 10 KURRI KURRI	Kieran Humphries	Bel	119
15 (C/back)	AERO SAILS	Adrian Nash	Man	120
16 (C/back)	NEW BOAT	Paul Linnett	IYC	120
17	CENTURY BATTERIES	Jack Andrew	Bel	121
18 (C/back)	GILL	James Ward	GR	123
19 (C/back)	HAHN SUPER DRY	Dale Cummings	Bel	123
20	ARISTOCRAT	Robert Flanagan	Bel	125

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - FRANK BONNITCHA

Foreward

For the past twenty years, a feature of our Annual Reports has been a “Where Are They Now?” article. Each one of these interesting articles, which has featured one of our former State Champions, was researched and written by Frank Bonnitcha, the NSW 16ft Skiff Association’s Historian.

Sadly, Frank is in a position where, due to ill health, he is unable to contribute to this 2009-10 Annual Report. Having held the office of NSW Association Historian since 1979, Frank has collected and recorded a great deal of historical information about 16ft skiffs in NSW and compiled a couple of publications, including a history of all the NSW 16ft Skiff State Championship races and results since 1908 (this publication is almost ready for publication). History is often not appreciated until some of it has passed us by or, perhaps it repeats itself enough to make us take notice.

I have known Frank for 40 years now and have a great deal of admiration and respect for the countless hours that he has put into the Association. In recognition of these many hours of work, I have decided to include an article in this year’s annual report featuring Frank himself. His connection with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association in various capacities commenced in the 1964-65 season and continues until this day. First and foremost Frank was a skiff sailor who happened to give back a great deal with his voluntary work as an Officer of the Association. The article has been compiled by his eldest son, David, who many will know also sailed 16’s for many years at Drummoyne.

Michael McMahon
Hon Secretary

Frank’s story

Frank was born in Hobart, Tasmania, in 1923 and family members definitely had a connection to things aquatic tracing back to his great grandfather who was a mariner from the Adriatic (a region that is now part of Croatia) and who arrived in Hobart in the mid 1850s and worked on coastal sailing ships. However, Frank’s real interest was sparked when, aged nine and living in Sydney, his parents moved to a house in Drummoyne which was not far from the shores of Five Dock Bay. As it turns out, the neighbours on either side were stalwarts of the Drummoyne Sailing Club and Frank was given a cedar model boat for Christmas 1932 made by Vic Hoyle and rigged by Herb Eastmure.

In 1937, aged 14, Frank and a mate bought an eight foot canvas dinghy for \$7. Of course, in those days, there were no ‘learn to sail’ courses other than some verbal instructions from the shore, when within earshot. This dinghy only really served as an entrée to the following season. In that season, Frank joined Drummoyne Sailing Club, after the club had established the ‘B’ class (restricted) 12 footers with a crew age limit of 21 years. Five seasons followed with Frank varying between crew and skipper. The final two seasons in this class saw Frank skippering ‘Riptide’ built by Tom Phillips from Balmain and named after one of the New Zealand 18 footers which had competed in Sydney. The hull cost \$60, main, jib, spinnaker and reaching jib from Bill Salton Snr coming in at less than \$36, the oregon spars were built by Frank’s father and brass fittings were courtesy of Central Foundry. Results included two Club Championships, an Upper Harbour Championship, a Club Point Score and an Anniversary Regatta (a major regatta in those days). The boat was housed at the Boyle family home in St George’s Crescent about half a kilometre from the Drummoyne Sailing Club and it was during these times that Frank formed a lifelong friendship with Max Boyle.

After approaching the age limit for the 'B' class, it seemed a natural progression for Frank and Max to move into the 16 footers, which had been competing at Drummoyne since 1913. The 1943-44 season saw them crewing in the 16 foot skiff 'Defiance' with 'Backa' Robinson who appears to have been a master at manipulating handicaps, resulting in a Point Score win. The following two seasons were spent crewing for Gordon Hanks who then went on to the 18 footers. On Saturdays they competed at Greenwich and on Sundays at Drummoyne.

In 1946, Frank and Max then commenced crewing with Bill Salton Jnr in 16 footers called 'Action' and over a seventeen year period there were five skiffs carrying this name. There was a fourth crew hand in those days and this was either Arthur Wood, Laurie Martin, Frank Anderson or, at times, Ron Bowry. During this time they secured a Sydney Harbour Championship, three Club Championships and one Club Point Score. When Bill Salton retired from sailing in 1963, the 'Action' name continued. Frank remained up the bow and Max took over as skipper.



"Action VI" - 1963/64 season

The 1963-64 season saw a great deal of success in a new skiff 'Action VI' when they secured the Club Championship, Point Score and Fastest Time. This period of time was probably also something of a 'golden period' for the Drummoyne club, with fleet numbers up around the 50 mark and even having the fleet split into two divisions for a couple of years. This may have been a reflection on just how many skiffs can comfortably fit on the 'upper harbour'. In those days the river was not 'choked' with moorings, but you did have to contend with ships arriving at the Pulpit Point oil depot, the Manns Point oil depot, ships berthing alongside Cockatoo Island and even ships swinging at anchor, just northeast of Cockatoo Island from time to time. These 'golden' times were also reflected across the NSW Association if any guide can be taken from the generally larger club fleet numbers, a greater number of clubs both intrastate and interstate than today, stiff competition at regattas, higher level of social interaction between clubs, the necessity to qualify for both zone and state representation at the State and Australian titles, and the ability of WA & QLD skiffs to be not only very competitive, but to win the Australian Championship. There was no doubt that 16 foot skiff numbers in NSW rose steadily during the 1960s, peaking at 337 in the 1973-74 season.

In the season of 1964-65, Frank commenced his connection with the NSW Skiff Association by becoming the Drummoyne Club delegate. During these times the Association had a very enthusiastic team of officers, Charles Wood was the long term President, Bill Stewart had taken the Secretary's job and Riv Robson became Assistant Secretary. Frank then became the Association Treasurer in 1968-69 and subsequently held that position for 19 years.

In 1966-67, the Middle Harbour Regatta was added to Frank's trophy list in a manner that suggested it was meant to happen. The first attempt to run the Middle Harbour championship that season had to be abandoned due to time expiring and 'Action VII' had never been in the lead. As was the norm in those days, there was a subsequent re-sail later in the season. Ron Hendry, the four times Australian Champion in the late 1930s, held a commanding lead. Then the unthinkable happened when Ron rounded one of the last marks the wrong way, was disqualified by the umpire, leaving 'Action VII' the 1966-67 Middle Harbour Regatta Champion – six years before Steven Bradbury was born.

During the later 1960s, Frank and Max (and the rest of the crew) also managed to, not only compete in all club races at Drummoyne on Saturdays, but also to fit in Sunday racing at the Yarra Bay 16ft Skiff Club, whenever possible. It was just a well that Frank's wife Norma had her Saturday and mid-week tennis, otherwise family life might have become a bit unbalanced.

Over the years of Frank's skiff sailing, one of the most anticipated events for the Drummoyne skiffs was the Gosford Easter Regatta. Frank (and others including wives, girlfriends and families) got caught up in this season ending event. As a reflection of the times, it used to take much longer to get there, so Good Friday was spent loading the skiffs onto trailers and trucks, loading the kegs of beer or whatever else was required, setting out, stopping at the Blue Gum Hotel at Hornsby for an ale, stopping somewhere just north of the Hawkesbury for a road side beer and then progressing to Gosford to pitch tent and set up the kegs. It can't be recalled as to whether the residents near the Gosford club ever complained. Also, it can't be said that it happened this way every year, but the socializing was a highlight and the racing over the weekend and Easter Monday was taken seriously.



Frank Bonnitcha with his wife, Norma

In 1970-71, Frank took on the job of Manager to the NSW team for the Australian Championship. This series was notable for the closeness of the result with 'Minx' (Trevor Beardsmore) of NSW just edging out 'Julie Ann K' (Neville Buckley) of QLD. Due to heavy rain and flooding the Brisbane River was somewhat more tricky than usual. In the 1973-74 season, Frank again took on this position for the series to be held in Bowen, North Queensland. Again, heavy rain played a part with flooding around Rockhampton hindering the effort to get North. It was a testing time for a manager and there was a variety of ways competitors and supporters found to complete the journey to Bowen, each had their own (tall and true) stories, all made it and the adversity added to the bonding of the NSW team. Once in Bowen, the sailing was unaffected by any flooding, the towns folk were very hospitable and it seemed like the skiff fraternity had taken over the town. The usual prevailing fresh south easterly did not prevail during this series and the result was made sweeter for Frank in that 'McKellar Sails' (Graham McKellar) from the Drummoyne Club was able to secure the title in a close fought series from Dave McKay in 'Imperium'.

In 1977, Frank was made a Life Member of the NSW 16ft Skiff Association which was an award that he prized highly, as it recalls many enjoyable times with a fine group of people both on and off the water from Lake Illawarra to Port Hunter. There were also friendships formed with the skiff fraternity from the other States.

During these later times, Frank was still competing at Drummoyne in the sixteens with Max Boyle as skipper of another five 'Actions'. This drew to a close after the 1983-84 season when, after one season's break, they tried a couple of seasons in a Hartley TS16 called 'Jerry Action' but this was stopped by Max's recurring hip problems. Their long period of sailing together came to an end after almost 50 years. Frank carried on sailing in the TS16s wearing out another three skippers before finally calling it a day from racing on the Upper Harbour at the end of the 1996-97 season – about 60 seasons all together.

From the early 1970s to the late 1980s at the Drummoyne Club, Frank also held the positions of Race Secretary (1 year), Director (10 years), Vice-President (9 years), President (1 year) and Rear-Commodore (5 years). There was a later 3 year stint in the mid 1990s, also as a director of the Club.

It wasn't hard to get the job of keeping the historical records and in 1979, almost by default, Frank became the NSW Association Historian – he supposed that it was a lifetime job. His time as Association Treasurer was to overlap with his Historian position until 1986-87. Over a considerable period of time, Frank could be relied upon for his attention to detail and process and often gave good council on Association matters when others were unsure of their opinions or options.

It would be true to say that Frank was not overly enamoured with the changes that occurred to the 16ft skiffs in the mid 1990s when the skiffs ceased to be 'open' boats and the 'up and back' courses started to become more prevalent. There was no doubt that the skiffs were faster, but he doubted whether the competition was of a higher level. It is from this time that Frank's annual articles for the Association have begun to reach their natural limit. Prior to the mid 1990's, Frank had either met and/or socialized at various times with just about all the subjects of his articles dating back to the 1930s. This made collating and assembling the stories and putting 'flesh' on the facts an easier task. It would seem to be obvious that a contemporary Historian will now be needed if Frank's work is to be carried on.

David Bonnitcha

Australian 16ft Skiff Championships 2009-10 at Belmont - 2/1/10 to 9/1/10

Skiff	Skipper	Club	POINTS WITH 1 DROP	PLACE WITH 1 DROP
FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	Man	22	1
MITRE 10 KURRI KURRI	Kieran Humphries	Bel	30	2
OAS	Danny Anderson	Bel	33	3
THE FACE PLACE	Gary Bruniges	Bel	33	4
NETKIOSK	Phillip Cooke	Man	36	5
SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	Man	36	6
FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrton	Man	42	7
AERO SAILS	Adrian Nash	Man	43	8
BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Lee Knapton	GR	45	9
TOOHEYS EXTRA DRY	Justin Sharrock	Bel	60	10
TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls	Man	62	11
STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose	Bel	66	12
AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges	Bel	74	13
BOB JANE T-MARTS EDGECLIFF	Nathan Wilmot	MH	74	14
TRUENERGY	Phil Bower	IYC	81	15
CENTURY BATTERIES	Chris Nicholson	Bel	85	16
CERNUNNOS	Jim Kerrison	Man	87	17
THE HERALD	Greg Searant	Bel	88	18
RW RETAIL	Daniel Jack	RQYS	98	19
HAHN SUPER DRY	Dale Cummings	Bel	102	20
ECO SMART ENERGY	Pat Levy	Man	103	21
LIFT SKIN BODY BEAUTY	Caroline Phillips	Bel	120	22
ARISTOCRAT	Robert Flanagan	Bel	133	23
SHEADS FIRST NATIONAL	Marilyn Sorensen	MH	136	24
VK THOMAS	Daniel Watterson	MH	138	25
NOVA DISTRIBUTERS	Ross Thomson	Bel	148	26
DATA#3	Brad Colledge	RQYS	148	27
AINSWORTH	Trevor Fay	Bel	154	28
CAVES BEACH BUTCHERY	David Stewart	Bel	156	29
COUGAR BOURBON	Craig Corke	Bel	175	30
LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey	IYC	182	31
JETMASTER FIREPLACES	Glenn York	GR	186	32
TOO BEE	Skye McFadyen	Man	190	33
INDEPENDENT GAMING	Mitch Cini	Bel	190	34
INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox	GR	196	35
BE YOUR BEST PERSONAL TRAINING	Rod Hozack	Man	199	36

GILL	James Ward	GR	200	37
LINCRAFT	Drew Spring	MH	203	38
B&B TOTAL SUPPLY	Ross Stutchbury	Bel	218	39
BIGFOOT BAGS & COVERS	Graeme Ferguson	Man	224	40
THE BIG H	James Vandervoort	MH	231	41
NEW BOAT	Paul Linnett	IYC	231	42
KOFM102.9	Adam Gillson	Bel	235	43
CHAPMAN OPTOMETRISTS	Stephen Chapman	Bel	243	44
TOM & FRANKS	Neale Jones	Bel	244	45
CUSTOM ENGINEERING	Brett van Munster	Man	246	46
FOUR THREE	Mark Newton	BSS	249	47
JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGNRS	Yvette Heritage	IYC	251	48
IMMIGRANT	Alexandra Deakin	MH	263	49
WEATHERTEX	Jason Marsh	Bel	276	50
KILOS	David Croft	PH	289	51
DAVID MARSHALL FIRST NATIONAL	Ashley Banks	Bel	292	52
FRIDGARAMA	Graeme Fairbairn	IYC	295	53
ROSS BELL ELECTRICAL	Ross Bell	Man	295	54
XXXX GOLD	Gordon Osborne	Bel	306	55
ANDREWS MEATS	Roger Steel	Bel	321	56
SILVER BULLET	Michael Northam	PH	330	57
ILLAWARRA GEAR & DIFF	Matthew Mulholland	IYC	366	58
RT SIGNS	Paul Bennett	PH	366	59

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AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges
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HERALD	Graham McKellar
INDEPENDENT GAMING	Mitch Cini
KOFM 102.9	Adam Gillson
LIFT SKIN, BODY, BEAUTY	Caroline Phillips-Hale
MITRE 10 KURRI KURRI	Kieran Humphries
NOVA DISTRIBUTORS	Ross Thomson
OAS	Danny Anderson
ST GEORGE BANK	Clare Buttenshaw
STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose
THE FACE PLACE	Gary Bruniges
TOM & FRANKS	Neale Jones
TOOHEYS EXTRA DRY	Justin Sharrock
WEATHERTEX	Jason Marsh
DRUMMOYNE	
AUSTEX MARINE FABRICS	Grant Sampson
BENTONS REAL ESTATE	Brett Pollitt
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Bruce Moore
EXPRESS BOAT COVERS	Frank Moloney
PORT JACKSON MARINE	Owen Brady
WATERWAYS CONSTRUCTIONS	David Mitchell
GEORGES RIVER	
BRYDENS	Alex Bryden
BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Lee Knapton
GILL	James Ward
INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox
JETMASTER FIREPLACES	Glenn York
LABEC	Ben Bradley
NOTORIOUS	Simon Litchfield
ILLA WARRA	
COMPO	Andrew Beazely
DALBARDI VENDING	Kevin Middleton
DLUXE	Xavier Hollis
FRIDGARAMA	Noel Hardy
ILLAWARRA GEAR & DIFF	Matthew Mulholland
JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGINEER	Yvette Heritage
LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey
NEW BOAT	Paul Linnett
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MANLY	
AERO SAILS	Adrian Nash

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ALTIS CONSULTING	Phillip Cooke
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE	Tim Aitken
BE YOUR BEST PERSONAL TRAINING	Rod Hozack
BEAN COUNTERS	Henry Harding
BIGFOOT BAGS AND COVERS	Graeme Ferguson
BITCH	Jemima Hardman
CERNUNNOS	Jim Kerrison
CUSTOM ENGINEERING	Tim Montague
DESIGN HUB	Mark Greenaway
ECO SMART ENERGY	Patrick Levy
ERA	James Levy
FIRE STOPPING	James Dorron
FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
HAGAR	Robert Johnston
HOLMES MARINE	David Holmes
ICMG	Scott Anderson
INTEGRATOS	Clare Hozack
JLE ELECTRICAL	John de Montfort
NET KIOSK	Gavin Cooke
ROSS BELL ELECTRICAL	Ross Bell
SARMAX PLANTATION SHUTTERS	Daryl Milham
SIMPLY AVIATION	Michael Houlihan
SOUTHERLY	Matthew Triglone
STUDIOEMOTION	Greg Daniel
SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
TOO BEE	Skye McFadyen
TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls
MIDDLE HARBOUR	
BOB JANE T-MARTS EDGECLIFFE	Nathan Wilmot
GIRO CONSTRUCTIONS	Robert Nievergelt
IMMIGRANT	Alex Deakin
LINCRAFT	Drew Spring
OLIVER HIRE COMPANY	John Oliver
SHEADS FIRST NATIONAL	Marilyn Sorensen
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THE PACKAGE	Matt Bassett
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McGRATH HOYHAUL	Dick Hadley
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SILVER BULLET	Michael Northam
SWITCHBOARD	Morgan York
THE PUMPER	Grahame Dingle
ST. GEORGE	
ANCIENT MARINERS	Robert Fornasari
BRUCE GAULT BOAT BUILDER & REP	Bruce Gault
EAST COAST CRANES & HOISTS	Gavin Mead
JOE WALSH RIGGING	Brad Walsh
NUAIRE	Luke Booth
ROLLASHIELD SHUTTERS	Graeme Patterson