



**H**i all, this will be the first of (I hope) regular newsletters for **CLBC members**. In the newsletters, your **committee** will keep you up-to-date with what is happening around the Island & the Lake, as well as pass on some of the achievements of our members.

**M**embership Fees. CLBC membership year runs from 1st October to 30 September the following year. If your membership is not renewed within 3 months of the end of the year (ie by 31 December), **YOU ARE NO LONGER A MEMBER**, and you will be required to remove any equipment you own, hand back any keys, and your gate fob will be deprogrammed.

To encourage members to retain their membership year round, the committee has introduced a **rejoining fee**. This fee is only payable if your membership lapse past 31 December, then you wish to renew, you will be required to pay an extra \$30. If you renew prior to December 31, there is no renewal fee payable.

There are several components to CLBC membership fee. There is a **CLBC fee**, and there are individual **discipline fees**.

The **CLBC fee** is currently **\$40 per year**, and is paid into **consolidated funds**. These consolidated funds are used to pay our lease, electricity, some trophies, and any other non-discipline costs that arise.

Your **discipline fee**, is paid to your individual discipline and is used to pay for specific trophies, equipment, state and/or national organization fees, competition fees, etc.

**B**oat Shed Leases. At the end of 2013, on behalf of the **CLBC**, Secretary **Annette Werner** & President **Alan Stuart** formally signed a 3+2 year lease with **VenuesWest** for the continued use of our existing boat shed bay (referred to as **Bay 1**). This has now given the club security of occupancy for the next 5 years. Prior to the end of 5 years, we will negotiate an ongoing lease.

We are now in negotiation with **Rowing WA** for the occupancy of the bay adjacent to **Bay 1** (referred to as **Bay 2**). Both leases revolve around paying a monthly or annual rental lease fee. This lease fee will increase approximately 3% per year over the life of the lease.

The biggest hurdle with committing to a lease with **Rowing WA** is being able to raise the funds to meet our lease fee obligations..

Be assured your committee is looking at different ideas

that could raise the funds to meet the payments. However this income needs to be sustainable. We will also be negotiating with **Rowing WA** to see if we can come to suitable arrangements.

**B**oat Storage. Your committee will be looking at ways that the existing **Bay 1** can be reorganised to allow a few extra boats in the shed. However, **ALL** members must realise that space is at a premium and **MUST** be respectful for all equipment (no matter who owns it) when moving and accessing boats & equipment. One of the golden rules is, **If you use or move something, put it back when finished**. Don't leave it for someone else. The tidier the boat shed is, the less frustrating for other members.

**I**sland Access. Access to the Island is at **VenuesWest** discretion. At times when large events are on, access may be restricted and there will be marshalls at the gate. If the marshaller says you cant go on the island by car, **YOU CANNOT TAKE THE CAR ON THE ISLAND**.

**ALWAYS** follow instructions from **VenuesWest** staff. If you believe something is not right, then **contact your club delegate** with the problem.

**A**ll containers have equipment stored in them. There is plenty of car park available and no one needs to park their car in front of the container doors. Very inconsiderate to other users



**C**lean up Australia. Champion Lakes had a **Clean Up The Lake** day on Sun 2nd March, and was attended by **CLBC members**, **Armadale Scouts**, and **Gosnells Lions**. Thanks to all those that attended. The Island and surround look much better for your efforts.



**F**urther Newsletters. The committee is looking for a member that would be prepared to produce a newsletter like this every month or two. It can be a simple one page edition, or as long as you want. Please **contact the Secretary** if interested.