



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

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1. SYC Overview

Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) is situated in Victoria and in 2011 we celebrated our Centenary. The first 100 years brought two world wars, an economic depression, several recessions, two devastating club fires, numerous storms and some unfortunate times. It also brought opportunities and longer term prosperity. Navigating these challenges and opportunities to build SYC to its present premier position, including membership of the International Council of Yacht Clubs, is traceable to some remarkable members and their vision, inspiration, leadership, enthusiasm, hard work and competitive spirit. In 2012 the club released the SYC Centenary Year Book, *Under Full Sail, Sandringham Yacht Club 1911–2011*.

The club in its entirety exists on an irregular parcel of 8.6 hectares of Crown Land occupying both a land component (2.1 hectares) and a water element (6.5 hectares) used for a floating marina. The club is located 15km south east of Melbourne's CBD and is easily accessible by car, train or boat.

SYC's history can be traced back to the Port Phillip Yacht Club (PPYC), which was originally established in 1903 adjacent to the current public jetty. The present day club burgee was the original burgee of the old PPYC, founded at Picnic Point in 1903. In 1911 Sandringham Yachting and Angling Club founded. In 1912 Sandringham Yachting and Angling Club was renamed Sandringham Yacht Club, with the first SYC racing season conducted in 1913/1914.

In the early 1990's SYC put in place the current 340 berth floating marina we enjoy today. In 2002 SYC redeveloped the waterfront facilities to the capital cost of \$3.5 million. In late 2007 SYC commenced construction of the new clubhouse and car park facility with a capital cost of \$12.75 million. The clubhouse opened in late 2009. In 2010 the club constructed 15 sail lockers for boat owner storage and in 2011 the club completely redeveloped the off the beach facility for its 106 dinghy tenants.

The scope of SYC waterfront facilities includes the following facilities;

- 356 berth Bellingham floating marina
- Forty (40) tonne travel lift (max beam 5.9m. Max length on application)
- Two (2) tonne 360 degree continuous slow Jib Crane attachment (travel lift)
- Two (2) Hardstand jib cranes with three (3) tonne lifting capacity
- Two (2) tonne fork lift
- Thirty (30) boat storage slipway
- Fuel - Diesel & ULP
- Launch Ramp (all tide double lane ramp)
- 2700 sq m Club house
- 15 sail lockers

Other onsite yard services include a chandlery, boat construction, shipwrights, mechanics, marine electronics, rigging, trimming, yacht brokers, power boat brokers, restaurants, bars, bottle shop, hot showers & toilets and visitor berthing. The boat yard also houses a concessions building with 8 tenants. The club has a healthy membership of 2,600 members with 30 full time staff.

Additional amenities on site include the Off the Beach facility for Junior's and dinghy sailors. The thriving SYC Boating Academy and its sizeable fleet of dinghies and keel boats is also based at SYC

and provides entry level into our great sport for people of all ages. The academy comprises a fleet of 42 boats and puts 2,000 course participants through various courses every year.

The SYC Clubhouse offers 237 onsite car parking spaces to its members, a relaxed, stylish restaurant with unrivalled views of Port Phillip Bay, member's bar, member's lounge, conference and function facilities offering an array of food, beverage and related function services. Our beloved 'Ken King Centre' also provides a marina based food, beverage and bottle shop facility together with excellent change room facilities.

The clubs brand is held in very high esteem and the major asset of the club remains, as it always has, its members.

Sandringham Yacht Club has embraced a site wide approach to environmental management over recent years. This plan identifies the main areas of the Club that impact the environment and sets out its management approach. Our environmental commitment is embedded as a strategic pillar in the clubs strategic plan

SYC Mission Statement

SYS fundamental purpose is *"to build a long term financially viable yacht club that provides boating activities, facilities, social programs and training in accordance with the needs of members and the community now and in the future"*

Our vision is to be *the club of choice*. Our 5 year strategic plan provides the ongoing roadmap for ensuring we stay on track with this purpose and vision. Within this plan we have 5 objectives and they are;

- Membership
- On Water
- Facilities
- Assets & Liabilities
- Community & Environment

2. Environmental Policy

The Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) is a progressive Club that continually redevelops it's facilities to ensure they are the finest available. This high standard includes a high standard of environmental management and the Club continually strives to be a leader in the provision of sustainable environmental facilities and practices.

The SYC has implemented an Environmental Policy & Plan to ensure:

- The club adheres to industry best practice
- The club is compliant with relevant environmental legislation and regulations. In the absence of regulations, the club adopts appropriate responsible standards.
- The club will ensure it has an appropriate Occupational Health and Safety Plan also promoting sound environmental management
- All aspects of club business are run in such a manner so as to minimise and handle any incidents and emergencies should they occur – these will be reflected in the clubs Emergency Response Plan

Management fully endorse this Environmental Policy and it is the responsibility of all employees to ensure it is understood and maintained at all levels within the Club.

3. Environmentally Friendly Clubhouse

Club officials, well-versed on the impact to the environment, selected environmentally friendly building materials, furniture and fit-out, efficient mechanical and air conditioning equipment, low energy lighting, efficient electrical switching systems, sensitive location of building exhausts considering noise and visual amenity, use of non-reflecting roofing materials, waste collection and recycling, rainwater collection and re-use and clean storm water using bio retention drainage design for its new premises.

Additionally, SYC has installed a 60,000 litre water tank, 34 site wide water efficient shower heads, implemented the “Hunter Green Chemical Program” together with a site-wide recycling waste removal program with Veolia Environmental Services.

4. Environmentally Friendly Boat Yard

In March 2003, Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) brought to completion Stage 1 of the Club’s Facilities Master plan (FMP1) involving the complete modernization of our boat yard including a state of the art underground pollution control system. This project, FMP1, placed us at the forefront of environmentally friendly boat yard management in Australia. The planning of this \$4 million dollar modernization project was done in close consultation with the Environment Protection Authority, Parks Victoria, the Department of Natural Resources and the Victorian Coastal Board. Grants were received from Federal and State Governments; Parks Victoria; and the Central Coastal Board. The balance of the funding was met by the members of the club who contributed \$3 million dollars to the project.

In January 2004 Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) was awarded the “Keep Australia Beautiful” Award (clean seas and foreshores category) for our in-ground pollution control system that collects, filters, treats and recycles yard and storm water. Today, our Club is an accepted benchmark in Australia and Internationally as a boating facility with an efficiently developed and managed marina and boat yard maintenance facilities using sustainable environmental management practices as an integral part of its operation.

5. Site Wide Recycling with Veolia Environmental Services

SYC has chosen to partner with Veolia for its site wide recycling. Veolia is Australia’s environmental services leader in all facets of waste management and resource recovery, as well as Industrial services such as Industrial Cleaning and Facilities Management. Committed to a green environment, SYC is also Veolia’s nominated Clean Up Australia Day site and SYC was also the first club in Victoria to receive National Clean Marina Australia Accreditation.

6. SYC is Nationally Accredited as a “Clean Marina”

The Clean Marinas Australia Program is a national, voluntary accreditation system for marinas, yacht clubs, boat clubs, slips, boatyards and associated industry operators across Australia. The Clean Marinas Australia Program supports SYC in its endeavours to protect local waters. The Program has valuable environmental practices. SYC was first accredited in 2007 and was re-accredited in 2010.

7. The Hunter Green Program

SYC works with its cleaning products supplier, Hunter Industrials, to manage its impact of its cleaning processes on the environment. “The Hunter Green program allows SYC to take ownership of the

environmental impact of the cleaning chemicals and consumables used on the site. The program aims to utilise the best environmental choice products available including consumables based around degradable garbage bags, microfibre and paper coming from SCA who are acknowledged as industry leaders in terms of Carbon footprint and sustainability” Scott Hunter, Hunter Industrials.

8. Continual Improvement

Whilst SYC has a significant number of ongoing initiatives in place to manage its impact on the environment, its staff and officers are charged with reviewing how its activities impact the environment on a regular basis. As positive practical changes are identified, these are introduced.

The Club is committed to retaining its environmental credentials and strives to improve on an ongoing basis.

9. Awards

In addition to continually developing and improving our precinct, we take immense pride in the manner in which we operate our facility. Below are a number of awards and accreditations the Club has been the recipient of over recent years, many of which relate to our environmental practices;

Awards

Award: Metro Club of the Year

Awarded by: Clubs Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Clubs Vic Award for Excellence

Awarded: November 2013

Award: Sporting Club of the Year

Awarded by: Clubs Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Recognised for its wide range of on water programs

Awarded: November 2013

Award: Club Employee of the Year

Awarded by: Clubs Victoria

Recipient: Kol Gemmell, SYC Staff Member

Reason: Contribution to SYC

Awarded: November 2013

Award: MIA Marina of the Year Award 2013 – 2014

Awarded by: Marina Industry Association of Australia

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Most outstanding Marina in Australia

Awarded: May 2013

Award: Finalist Australian Club Marina of the Year

Awarded by: Marina Industry Association of Australia

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Excellent Club Marina

Awarded: June 2011

Award: Club of the Year (non Gaming)

Awarded by: Clubs Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Leading Victorian Club (in the non gaming sector) for the provision of outstanding member services and excellent facilities

Awarded: November 2010

Award: Occupational Health and Safety Award

Awarded by: Clubs Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Excellent OHS practices throughout SYC

Awarded: November 2010

Award: Overall Industry Achiever Award 2010

Awarded by: Boating Industry Association of Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: The recipient of this highest award is selected from the Industries best and brightest who have received a 2010 Award in one of the other categories.

Awarded: July 2010

Award: Safety Initiative by an Organisation 2010

Awarded by: Boating Industry Association of Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Encouraging safety and responsible behaviour on & around the water

Awarded: July 2010

Award: 2009 Best Club Redevelopment Award (non gaming)

Awarded by: Licensed Clubs Victoria Awards (@ Crown Casino)

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Outstanding Design of New Clubhouse

Awarded: November 2009

Award: 2009 Best Community Facility Design Award

Awarded by: Department of Sport and Recreation, Victorian Government (@ MCG)

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Outstanding Design of New Clubhouse / Embracing the Community

Awarded: November 2009

Award: 2009 Environment Award

Awarded by: Boating Industry Association of Victoria (@ Crown Casino)

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Environmental Initiatives

Awarded: July 2009

Award: 2007 Victorian Yacht Club of the Year

Awarded by: Yachting Victoria

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Premier Yacht Club Facilities & Services

Awarded: July 2007

Award: 2007 Environment Award

Awarded by: Boating Industry Association of Victoria (@ Crown Casino)

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Environmental Initiatives

Awarded: July 2007

Award: (Finalist) 2007 Marina of the Year

Awarded by: Marina Industries Association of Australia

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Marina Facilities & Supporting Services

Awarded: June 2007

Award: Keep Australia Beautiful Award

Awarded by: Clean Seas & Foreshores

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Boat Yard Pollution Control

Awarded: 2004

Additionally SYC staff have received the following awards & accreditations;

Accreditation: Certified Marina Manager

Accredited by: Marina Industries Association of Australia

Recipient: Paul Gascoigne, SYC Staff Member

Reason: Marina Manager Expertise

Accredited: June 2009

Award: Community Hero Award

Awarded by: Victorian State Government

Recipient: Paul Corfield, SYC Staff Member

Reason: Resuscitation Assistance which saved the life of an SYC Member

Awarded: November 2009

Accreditations

Accreditation: 4 Gold Anchor Marina

Accredited by: Marina Industries Association of Australia

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Marina, Club Facilities & Services

Accredited: 2010

Accreditation: Clean Marina Level 3 Accreditation

Accredited by: Marina Industries Association of Australia

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Marina & Boat Yard Environmental Management

Accredited: 2006

Accreditation: Yachting Australia Discover Sailing Centre

Accredited by: Yachting Australia

Recipient: Sandringham Yacht Club

Reason: Accredited YA Discover Sailing Centre

Accredited: Ongoing
