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Australian National Sabot Council President's Report - 2019

The Australian National Sabot Council (ANSC) has made good progress this year toward sustainability of the class. This was essential to maintain our position as a training class with a lot to offer kids, on top of already being a great little boat with "sabot" culture. Further work needs to continue for us to remain attractive to young sailors and ensure sabots have a sustainable future in the current society.

Our monthly phone conferences have been very well attended this year, often with almost all zones attending. Discussions have been positive and constructive on class progression.

Electronic banking for ANSC was established this year and I thank Bonnie Eaton our Treasurer and Paul Coates our Secretary for their perseverance.

An ANSC Sub-Committee was formed at the last Annual General Meeting to review and propose progressive changes to the Class Constitution. Significant progress was made, in the form of passing 12 proposed motions for change which, apart from one motion, were unanimously approved by all zones. This showed great class unity and agreement on class direction. I thank all of the zones for their care and time taken to review, discuss, comment and vote in a timely manner. This maintained the momentum for implementing the agreed motions into this sailing season. In particular, I thank Simon Burt, Craig Ryan, Holly Norris and Rohan Nosworthy for their effort and contribution to the proposed motions.

A key change included the introduction of the new spark sail. The spark sail is a smaller sail having modern features, colour and marketability. The rate of uptake over the first few months has been great, spread throughout many clubs and zones, facilitating more kids in boats on the water.

Further changes had been previously proposed at the last AGM including review of mast weights and standardising parts for cost reduction and simplicity, however these were not reviewed in sufficient detail to propose as a motion for change in 2019. Further work on these changes should be considered by ANSC during 2020.

Additionally, work on social media remains a priority going forward. I thank Simon Burt for his enormous efforts to date and encourage succession planning in this regard.

I thank Vacluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club and Southern Zone for their efforts organising the Nationals and I'm sure it will be a successful event.

I have enjoyed this year as President having made many new friendships additionally to those which our family has already made in sabots.

We also look forward to the Townsville Nationals and your support in the 2020/21 season.

Scott Day
ANSC President 2019