

The Special Project “A WSSC Clubhouse?”

The Wanaka Yacht Club intends to build a new facility replacing its existing clubhouse. The WSSC 2018 Executive committee has been discussing possible options for WSSC to have preferential access to the clubhouse during our winter seasons which is the WYC’s off season.

At our AGM Kevin King and Quentin Smith represented the WYC and they, together with our WSSC special projects representative Graeme Sinclair, displayed the plans for this new clubhouse.

The WYC proposed building incorporates multiple spaces including a cafe and bar. The upper level includes a meeting room and a conference/presentation room. The WYC building would have available lockable cupboards for all of our WSSC equipment and records which are presently stored in members homes.

The WYC MEMBERSHIP is growing but it has no intentions for the future to hold any winter regattas and their core season is aligned to daylight saving. WSSC would have priority bookings from 1st May -31st September and would be able to book outside those dates as long as it was not WYC night.

At this stage the discussions are on the lines of an interest free secured loan with an opportunity to exit in 5 years. There would be no running costs for WSSC, or extra subs for our members as WYC believes the returns from the cafe and bar will cover these costs.

WSSC would have the opportunity to erect signage and make “The Clubhouse” home of WSSC.

At present a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] has been signed so WSSC can proceed with discussions. We are not bound in any way by the MOU, it is merely an agreement to pursue ideas for a “working model”.

Graeme Sinclair is our Special Projects advisor and will keep the WSSC Executive Committee well informed of the progress. Graeme has previously been a member of our WSSC Executive committee for a number of years.

The WSSC membership will be updated with progress as necessary.

WSSC would seek legal advice prior to holding a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING before anything legally binding is signed with the WYC.

