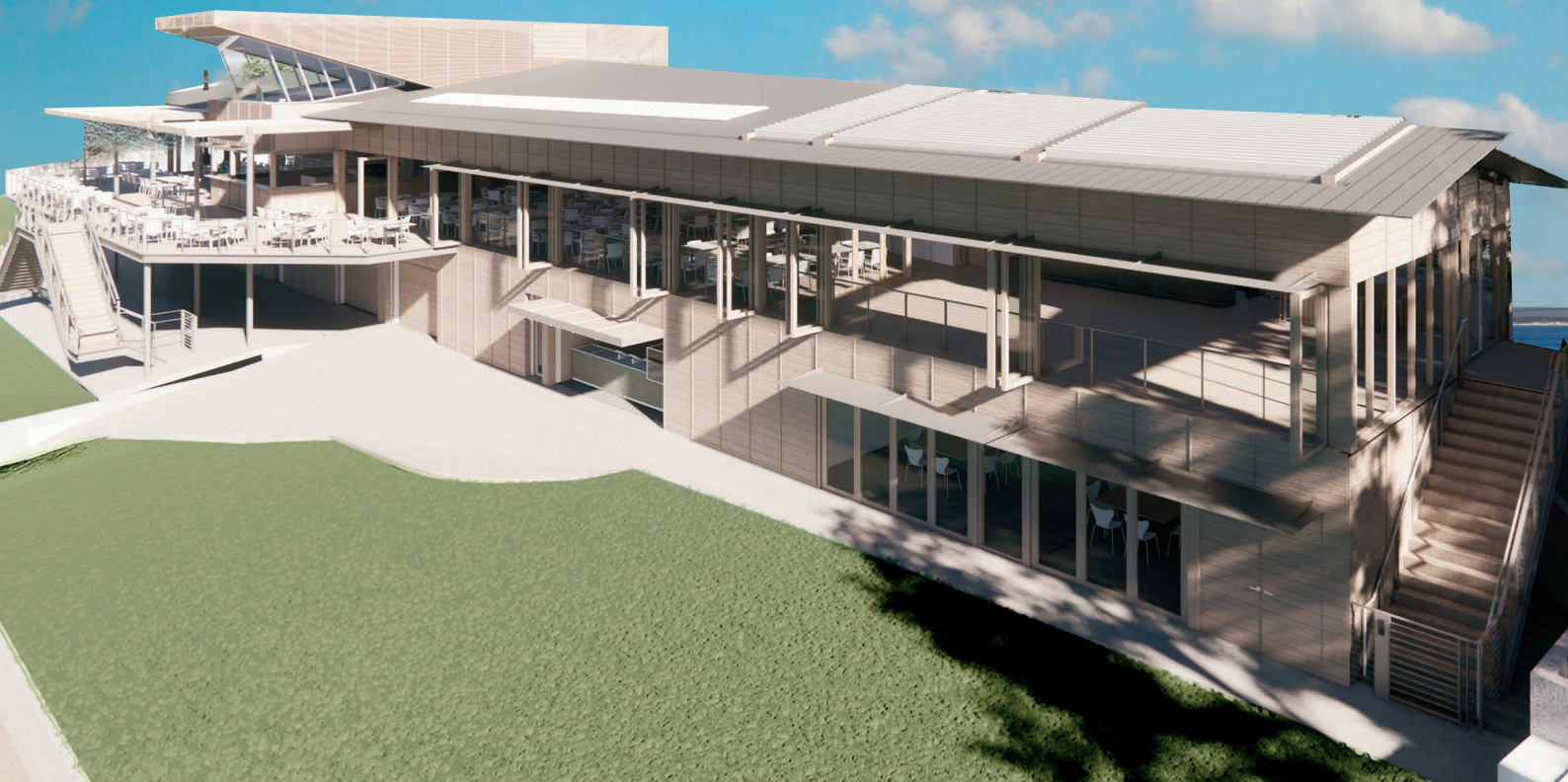




Clubhouse Redevelopment Fundraising Appeal

Since 2017, the SSCBC General Committee and Infrastructure Committee have been working hard to make the Clubhouse redevelopment project come to life.

This exciting project will provide world class facilities to our Members across sailing, events, hospitality and our broader community, continuing our proud history of providing opportunities for sailing for everyone.





Sailing & Sailing Development

A centrepiece of the Clubhouse redevelopment is to build on the growth of young sailors, whether they wish to sail socially or compete at state, national or international level.

With our sailing programs catering for all ages, from 5 years to adult, we are able to offer sail training courses to suit everyone.

Our Clubhouse redevelopment will provide a fit for purpose Sailing Centre with state-of-the-art training facilities for on shore teaching, an expanded multi-purpose Lacco room, plus a hard stand dedicated to boat storage. We have our newly built sailing shed at the east end of the building, providing dedicated storage for our Sailing Centre families.

Our Sailing Centre programs provide pathways for our most junior off-the-beach sailors through to our elite and Olympic classes, as well as our iconic Couta Boats.

We were fortunate to celebrate the success of four of our Members who competed in the Tokyo Olympics in the 49er and 49erFX classes, all of whom started their sailing as juniors at SSCBC. This year we have also seen many of our juniors competing internationally during our off season at the European and Asian World Championships, and we look forward to supporting and nurturing this group of juniors as they fulfil their sailing dreams in the future. Who knows, maybe we have some additional future Olympians in our midst!

Our world class facilities allow us to attract state, national and international regattas, cementing our place as the best Sailing Club in Australia.

Our next international regatta is the Waszp World Championships to be held at the Club in December 2023.

Couta Boats & Preserving Our History

Sorrento Sailing Club's origins date back to 1948. Since then, it has continued to grow and develop into the outstanding club it is today.

In 2001, the Sorrento Sailing Club merged with the Couta Boat Club to form the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club. The Club's emphasis has always been on creating a friendly family environment and providing sailing opportunities for juniors through to those who sail on our majestic Couta Boats.

This is a focus that continues today. Our redeveloped Clubhouse honours this proud history, both in the building's design, and displays of memorabilia which celebrate the people, the boats and the events that make up our beautiful Club.

It is now time for the next chapter with the 75th anniversary of the Club coming up in 2023.





Our Community

Our Club's proud history of being a place for Members to connect with our community will be enhanced with the redevelopment.

Members will be able to connect not just within SSCBC, but have the opportunity to engage with those throughout the Mornington Peninsula, through strategic relationships, supporting charities and engagement with schools and community groups.

- Our expanded hospitality spaces will continue to be a place for events, lunches and charity days; and
- Our training and conference facilities will allow us to run training for water safety, the Bosun program and larger school sailing days.

Hospitality

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club is well known to our Members and their guests for our outstanding hospitality, overlooking the beautiful Port Phillip.

Central to the redevelopment is providing enhanced facilities for our Members, including incredible spaces for dining, socialising and functions and the infrastructure to support them. The Clubhouse design honours our Club's unique history, in particular our renowned Couta Boat fleet, whilst ensuring it meets the needs of all of our Members – sailing, social and families.

Members can expect;

- An expanded dining room, seating up to 180 people with uninterrupted views of Port Phillip;
- An expanded northern deck and an all-weather western deck;
- Our new Couta's café and galley downstairs serving takeaway and coffees all day;
- Improved kitchen and bar facilities allowing us to deliver a variety of dining experiences across the venue;
- Enhanced bathroom and shower facilities both upstairs and in the changerooms, and improved accessibility for people with mobility devices; and
- Improved outdoor spaces, with a newly landscaped Lavender Hill, new BBQs and better green spaces.





Fundraising

We are now seeing this exciting project take shape.

Construction commenced in February 2022. Due to the generosity of our Members and key stakeholders, we have already raised significant funds towards this project, in addition to the investment being made by the Club from our bank reserves. We have also secured a loan from National Australia Bank. See additional information on our website about the funding strategy.

We are inviting Members to contribute to this exciting project and have a stake in this world class building that will be enjoyed by sailors, young and old, in the generations to come. Whether your interest lies in the development of sailing, support of the Sailing Centre and the new training spaces, or perhaps the Couta Boats and preserving our history through our memorabilia and honour boards, which will be proudly displayed in the new Clubhouse, we would be delighted to accept your contribution.

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club has been recognised globally as one of the leading sailing clubs in the world and we invite you to contribute and join us on this exciting journey.

How can you help?

The club is grateful for your consideration and support of the redevelopment in which we are all working towards. See our donations webpage where we provide a number of options to donate.

- Tax deductible donations / pledges
- Bond Issue
- Bequests

We would be delighted to discuss any significant donation opportunities that are available, so please get in touch via accounts@sscbc.com.au.



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