

## Marina Industries Award

The Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club (MOFSC) is renowned in our region for being a community minded club. The Clubs achievements over the last two years were recognised when the Club was nominated as a finalist in the 2015 'Best Community Engagement Initiative' at the bi-annual Marina Industries Association Conference Marine15, Goldcoast, Queensland, 3 May 2015.

The Marina Industries Association President Andrew Chapman highlighted that the competition for the Awards was the strongest ever and record number of entries had been received from Australia and other countries. "It is a sign of the growing strength of the marina industries that we are celebrating the excellent achievements of the winners and finalists at Marine15 Conference and Exhibition".

One of MOFSC's most commendable programs is its cooperation with the Fishers with Disabilities, utilising the Club and its resources for social fishing fortnightly, providing many disabled community members with a unique opportunity. "For all of our participants going fishing on the ocean or in the Estuary was a dream. Together with our partners we have made this dream come true. We have and we will continue to help several community groups experience the beautiful waterways in and around Mandurah", comments Commodore Greg Hancock.

Early in 2013 the Club commissioned a new Support Boat that fulfilled a list of requirements necessary for a successful disability program. The boat was purchased with the help from partners with a common vision of community spirit. Special recognition goes to the Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Alcoa and the many Club members who helped with fundraising.

Club Marine CEO Simon McLean said the Awards play an important role in fostering business improvement across the marina industry. "Congratulations to the winners, finalists and all the entrants in the Awards. The Awards process requires time to reflect on one's business performance and this in itself is a very healthy process".

MOFSC will continue to build on it's community support, hosting World Class events and programs including; The Mandurah Boat Show, Sail into Life, RecFishWest, Camp Quality, the Buoyed Up Program, and partnering with the City of Mandurah for the Australian Day Flotilla and the Stretch Festival.

The Marina Industry Association's mission is to support the sustainable development of the marina industries through education, accreditation and research programs. The Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club is proud to be a member of this growing support-network.