



PROPELLER

ROYAL VICTORIAN MOTOR YACHT CLUB ESTABLISHED 1904

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Opening day brings out our best

Saturday the 4th of October saw the RVMYC's 110th Opening Day bathed in sunshine and held in the newly completed clubhouse.

The bureau predicted a slight breeze which then was amended to strong northerly, which had no effect on the number of boats out on the water - 42 vessels took part in the sail past this year.

Over 250 people attended the RVMYC Open Day, the day began with the Williamstown Pipe Band marching into the grassed fore court past the



Drone shot of the Opening Day ceremony - a big thank you to Brad Teal for his assistance in organising the photography. More photos can be viewed on the RVMYC website.



Rear Commodore John Zammit completes the 2014 sail past with Sam Cutajar in 'Mister Sea'.

newly installed flagpole, as the Williamstown Historical Re-enactment Society setup the ubiquitous cannon ready to frighten the pants off assembled guests.

This year the long awaited clubhouse gave us the perfect backdrop to showcase the club's commitment to the community and our boating heritage. Guest and officials were complimentary of our achievement especially

when told that it was achieved within 18 months! To mark the occasion we had the privilege and honour of having Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO (Ret'd) to officiate our ceremony. Admiral Doolan spoke of the special relationship the club has with the Navy and how, as custodians of the club values we all have a responsibility to encourage respect of the sea and remember those who have come before us.



Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO (Ret'd) and the club's flag officers with Rev. Bill Beagley and the cadets from TS Voyager.

RVMYC Bar Hours

Wednesday & Friday (Bar and snacks) 5-10pm
Saturday: Breakfast 9.00 to 12.00pm (bar snacks through the day), Dinner 6.00 to 9.00pm
Sunday: Breakfast 9.00 to 11.30am, Lunch 12.00 to 2.30pm
 A cash bar will operate until the member card system is installed and running.



Snap happy in the bay

Nothing captures peoples excitement than the prospect of catching the 'Big Red' in our Bay.

Aboriginal people of the Port Jackson area in Australia: they called it wollamie (also spelt wollamai, and other variations). European colonists there knew it as the "light horseman", for the resemblance of the fish's skull to the helmet of a light horseman.

The fish spawn in inshore waters and live in rocky areas and reefs of up to 200 m deep. They school, and will migrate between reefs. Larger fish are known to enter estuaries and harbours, our Port Phillip Bay has a renowned seasonal snapper run.

The species is capable of living about 40 years throughout much of its range in Australia, and the Australian recordholder of 40 years and 10 months was a 935-mm large-nosed male, caught on 1 September 2007 off Bunbury, West Australia, and photographed on the day of capture. Sexual maturity is reached at about 30 cm long and a small percentage of the males will turn into females at puberty. Large individuals of both sexes develop a prominent hump on the head. Anglers are advised not to take immature fish, so as not to reduce breeding stock.

About the best you can say about the annual snapper migration is that it will begin sometime spring, late September to mid-October. Rough conditions,



The Australasian snapper or silver seabream

overcast days and water discoloured and turgid from heavy rain runoff offer ideal conditions for snapper to enter the bay.

There's little hard reef in Port Phillip, and as a result the snapper tend to move around a lot. They can be found anywhere from the shallow weedy edges right out to the middle of the bay in 25m of water. For this reason there are no specific spots for snapper, instead it is general areas that should be fished. Some of the more reliable snapper locations are at the top of the bay and along the eastern side between Altona and Mornington.

Once in the bay, the bulk of the snapper run up the east side past Mt Martha, Mornington and Carrum. During the day, snapper will feed in deeper water, 15-20m and at night, you can hook them in 8-15m. Good numbers are often caught off Williamstown and Altona, particularly smaller fish that tend to congregate over the inshore reefs in about 10-12m of water. Fewer numbers of snapper run along the western shoreline, past St Leonards. Some turn west and move into Corio Bay while others tend to stay around Pt Wilson and the grounds from here to Werribee.

After a strong onshore blow has stirred up the bottom and reduced water clarity, land based anglers can do well. This is especially true for piers and rock walls. Pt Lonsdale pier is an early and late season snapper venue that produces best when the water is murky. St Leonards pier is often best after or during a northerly blow, especially around Melbourne Cup weekend. Mornington pier often comes on well after a strong blow from the west has stirred up the water.

The average size varies from year to year. It typically averages around the 3kg mark, but the last couple of years, thanks to that strong recruitment, has now boosted the average to up closer to 4kg. Now when you think about it, that's a bloody good snapper anywhere in the country!

The Ian Dougall Memorial Fishing Trophy will be held on Friday 14 November, this is our pinicle fishing cometicition and we require some sponsors for prizes. If you want to be part of this club institution contact Rear Commodore John Zammit on 0418 587 799



Don't miss...

Sunday 19th October 2014

RVMYC CENTENARY TROPHY NAVRALLY
The RVMYC Centenary Trophy will be run again on Sunday 19 October at 09.25 hours.

Friday 24 October 2014

Fashion Parade - \$90 PER PERSON
Includes champagne and canapés on arrival, entertainment, a 2 course meal and drinks at bar prices.
Raffles and Door prizes on the day.

Friday 14 November 2014

Ian Dougall Memorial Fishing Trophy



ROYAL VICTORIAN MOTOR YACHT CLUB

Vale - Alan Crighton

15 JULY 1931 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2014



The Club is saddened by the news that long-time member Alan Crighton passed away on Tuesday 23 September 2014.

Alan is the Club's 2014 'Boat person of the year', his commitment to Navrallies and club boating in general is unmatched. He would always be seen helping others with their race preparation, and was always willing to give advice. He will be missed by all.

EDITOR'S NOTE



We welcome contributions from members, Propeller will endeavour to publish articles as soon as possible, space permitting. Please contact the propeller sub committee for more information.

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From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

It's done! With over 350 workers; 160 contractors; 3,200 hours of planning and over 230 sheets of documentation, we have now got our new clubhouse.

The numbers are extraordinary - go back 399 days when we first demolished the well-loved old abode - the number of working bees, meetings and discussions, multiple trips to and from suppliers and then there's the temporary clubhouse!

The reaction from guests over the weekend was encouraging, even though our yellow was causing divided opinions - all comments were complimentary and often mixed with disbelief that we could accomplish something of this standard, so quickly.

In part, I must thank Simon Greenwood for his great foresight, past Commodores Darren Keast and Mark Rindfliesh, James Sanderson from Lloyds Group, Len Docktril and all the members who worked tirelessly and without complaint - well almost.

It wouldn't be normal not to have complications

and disagreements with a project like this, but, we all managed to stay focussed and put the club and its future first. We have all remained friends and we have a renewed respect for each others opinion.

I think members have demonstrated their commitment to the institution that is the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club - a club that has been around for 110 years - that's 4 generations of like-minded people who have contributed to our community.

This new clubhouse is as much for them as it is ours, we are the custodians of a wonderful idea - the idea that we as a group strive to promote boating skills and culture to the broader community.

We now need to focus on our core club values and seek to promote our club to the wider community and put aside petty differences and work together to make our time here meaningful.

Earlier this week I attended past member Alan Crighton's funeral, where the club was well represented. I would like to extend my sympathies to Alan's family and would like to think Alan's memory will be alive within the new clubhouse.

Moments like this tend to give us perspective and a well timed re-evaluation of our lives and the impact we have on our colleagues, both at work and at the club - lets treat each other with respect and generosity and continue to grow this great club.

To finish - thank you to all of you who made our Opening Day a great success; a special mention to Gene and Simone Neill, who continue to support the club, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO (Ret'd) and his wife - Elaine, the Rev. Bill Beagley, Jane McAloon, who organised our guest speaker, the outstanding support from the cadets of TS Voyager and lastly the Mariners sub-committee who did a fantastic job with the flowers and entertainment.

I hope to see every member in the near future enjoying our new home.

Happy boating till next month,

Simon Mills
Commodore

Photos: Ray Lopez

Clubhouse ready for an opening



It's been 18 months in the making, but finally our home is finished and waiting for a good club warming.

The actual date has not been set but we envisage a December/January opening with details to follow about prices and who will be officiating. The Opening Day celebrations were a good testing ground for all the building systems which remarkably all worked well with a few teething

problems, handled superbly by both the caterers and committee. Thank you to all who slaved away on the 4 consecutive open days throughout September, we had a great turnout of 40 people on the weekend before our Opening Day and many thanks to David Boxshall and Peter Rodger who donated time, heavy machinery and materials for the clubs landscaping, surrounds and new flagpole.

There are still a few things to be completed, Chris Ackerman is finalising security systems, (at cost-



thank you Chris), phone systems (thank you David Collins) and internet. The majority of work has been completed with Lloyds handing over the keys at 4pm on 1 October 2014, only a few defects to rectify over the next month, ready for our official opening.

One important change will be the club's phone number. The new number will be **03 9393 2888**. We will have the old number re-directed to this new number for a period of time.

Direct numbers to the bars and caterer will be available but the main number will also redirect to all other phones in the building if it is unanswered by the main office for a period of time.

Members gate swipe cards will now be the access card for the building and members area. You will need to keep this on your person when moving around the clubhouse as access is restricted to members only. At the moment a cash bar operates until the member card system is finalised and tested. We hope to implement this very shortly.



Photos and story: Chris Ackerman

Maribyrnong's calming waters

Sunday 21st September:

The Maribyrnong River cruise to Canning Street Reserve promised to be a sunny calm day, and it didn't dissappoint.

This was the first outing for the newly restored 'Wyuna', and she handled the day beautifully as she cut a distinct wash through the waters of the Yarra and Maribyrnong.

Captained by Mark Rindflesh, with on-board engineer Jeff Couzins and providing balast - Commodore Simon Mills. A fleet of 10 vessels made their way up to Canning Street reserve where the BBQ was comandedeered by waiting club members. The day shone from start to finish with a notable effort by Livio Andolfatto and Glen Oliver providing much needed refreshments to Wyuna en



route...to the amazement of the Wyuna crew... their esky was bare...and a quick stop at Anglers Tavern saw a closed bottle shop, disaster was only minutes away. 'By Golley' has now been designated as the official supply vessel to 'Wyuna'.



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Artistic catering awarded club contract

The club committee has awarded Artistic Catering to run the club's function and catering requirements for the next 5 years.

Artistic Catering has been setting the benchmark across Australia for all types of catering for the last 15 years. They were the outstanding choice from the contenders applying to run our new clubhouse.

Karen Jackson and Pip Danaher, of Artistic, are passionate about quality food and service and were excited at the prospect to provide members with outstanding produce and the same service that we are accustomed to - Artistic Catering is used to staging events in usual locations. General manager Pip Danaher says the Richmond company has



served meals for up to 35,000 in car parks, aircraft hangars and derelict buildings with no power or water.

6.00pm to 9.00pm
 Sunday 12th October
 Breakfast 9.00am to 11.30am and Lunch 12.00 to 2.30pm. We will also be open for the members draw and Friday raffle.

By the end of the month we will revert back to the Club's usual opening times of Wednesday and Friday from 5.00pm, Saturday (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) and Sunday (Breakfast and Lunch), the intention is to open the club bar 7 days a week so please stay tuned for that announcement.

As a club we welcome Artistic to the community and we hope we will have a long and happy relationship.

We ask members to be patient while they work out the new tills, systems and the immense state-of-the-art kitchen, things do require time to settle in, but from the results on Saturday we should be happy with the results.

Over the next month we will see the new and some familiar faces around the club, there will be some hiccups and teething issues initially but we are confident that this will be a great addition to the club's offerings.

Artistic have assured that our food will always be fresh, always flavoursome and always creative.

Initially the club bar opens Saturday 11th October
 Breakfast 9.00am to 12.00pm (bar snacks through the day) - Dinner



Pip Danaher and Chef Adrian Borg of Artistic Catering at their Richmond premises.

Enjoy your day on the water

You've packed the esky, got the sunscreen, filled the tanks and finally got that sunny, still day - water shimmering on the hull.

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Story: Livio Andolfatto Photos; Jane McAloon, Chris Ackerman and Ray Lopez

Open for business

Officials, members and guests enjoyed a great day at the RVMYC's Opening Day on Saturday 4th October.

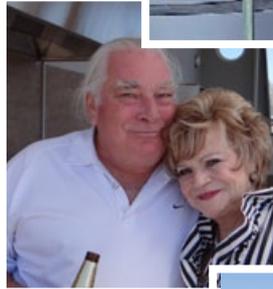
Commodore Simon Mills thanked all those who contributed to the first day of official use of the new clubhouse and outlined the years activities. We saw a strong representation of Kindred Club guests who marvelled at the Club's efforts in building such a beautiful building within the time given.

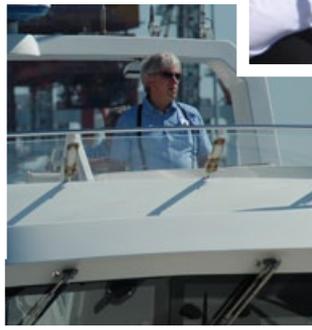
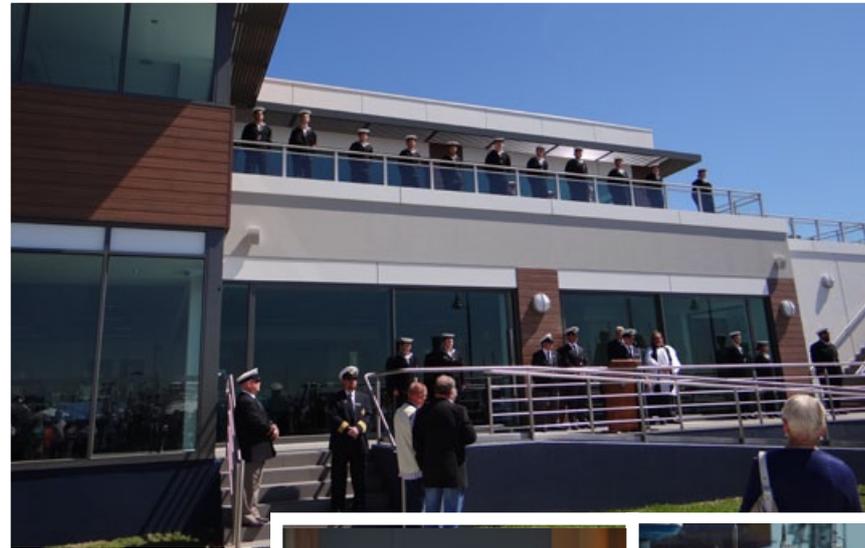
This years Opening would have been the biggest in the 110 years of the Club's history, lets hope its a sign of things to come. We have already been flooded with new members - 7 people applying in the last week. Committee person, San Cutajar, being swamped with interviews and admission procedures. The new catering contractors have made their debut on the day with a selection of trout and duck for main course and an ample cheese platter with delicious dessert rounding off a great day.

See more photos on the RVMYC website.



The view from 'Solitaire' taken by Gary Chen.





Open for business cont.





Top honours for club member

RVMYC member Peter Farley, also a CFA volunteer, was awarded a National Emergency Medal for his efforts in fighting the Black Saturday fires.

The medal recognises the significant service performed by individuals in the protection of lives and property in the service of interests, that are not their own, in direct response to an emergency.

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Amanda Millar and the Chief Officer of the Country Fire Brigade presented the medal at Kyneton Town Hall on 29 June 2014. "During the 24 hours of February 7, 2009, Loddon Mallee Region fire brigades responded to more than 240 call outs including major fires at Bendigo and Redesdale," regional director of Loddon Mallee Region Mike Wassing said.

"Our volunteer and staff fire fighters along with other services demonstrated an incredible display of dedication, community commitment and self sacrifice to support people in need during and after the fires.

"My Regional Leadership Team and I are extremely proud of the humble but steadfast service during the terrible time of these fires in our states history."

About the award

The National Emergency Medal Regulations 2011 were approved by Her Majesty The Queen in October 2011.

The National Emergency Medal shall be awarded to persons who rendered sustained service during specified dates in specified places in response to nationally-significant emergencies within Australia; or to other persons who rendered significant service in response to such emergencies.



Victorian bushfires 2009

Service performed during this nationally-significant emergency is recognised through the clasp, "Vic Fires 09";

- service must be in the protection of lives and property, or in the service of interests, that are not their own, in direct response to the emergency, including support that enables or facilitates the emergency response;
- the geographical area is the State of Victoria;
- the qualifying period begins on 28 January 2009 and ends on 5 March 2009; and
- the minimum duration of service that a person is required to have completed to qualify is:

- paid service on 14 days, including at least two days in the period beginning on 7 February and ending on 14 February 2009; or
- unpaid service on 7 days, including at least one day in the period beginning on 7 February and ending on 14 February 2009

Medal design

A stylised representation of Australia's national floral emblem, the wattle, is the central symbol of the National Emergency Medal. The image around the central image is of flowering wattle, representing the accomplishments and sacrifices made by Australians in the service of others in times of crisis. The back of the medal repeats the ring of flowering wattle, and details the award and recipient

Medal ribbon

The National Emergency Medal ribbon colours match the colours of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal ribbon. The colours of the ribbon are gold and eucalyptus green. Gold symbolises the Australian sun, optimism and hope. Eucalyptus green complements the symbolism of the medal design.

The seven gold coloured bands represent Australia's six states, with the seventh representing the territories.

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Stuff we might need on the water

MINISPRESSO

Dying for that cup of pure rich coffee, but your bobbing up and down with your line out?

There are tons of ways to make great-tasting coffee on the go. Espresso? Not so much. Until now. The Minipresso is a highly-portable, hand-powered espresso machine that lets you brew delicious shots wherever you may be. The key is the ingenious, built-in semi-automatic piston that achieves optimal extraction pressure after just a few pumps, injecting small quantities of water into the coffee adapter for a rich, flavorful drink. Available in both coffee grind and Caffitaly models, you don't even need to remember a cup — the cap doubles as a vessel for your drink.



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If you want to stand out from the club crowd then this piece of kit should be yours.

Designed to fit inside the vast majority of super yachts, the aptly-named U-Boat Worx Super Yacht Sub 3 is inarguably a toy for the rich — but what a toy it is. Available with either a 150 or 300 meter depth rating, this personal submarine holds up to three people, and offers features like luxury leather seating, a large entrance hatch, auto-pilot, sonar, optional underwater navigation, climate control, and the ability to let you make your own underwater documentaries when you tire of drinking champagne on your sun deck.



Club rules revisited

With the opening of the new clubhouse the commodore and committee would like to remind members of the rules and regulations concerning dress and conduct.

During construction of the new clubhouse dress regulations in the bar area were relaxed, we now have a new situation. With the opening of our new premises our dress regulations will be strictly enforced (Bylaw 62) - if the correct attire is not worn then members and their guests will be asked to leave - no exceptions.

We also have new smoking rules in the clubhouse - **NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED WITHIN THE CLUB FOOD AND BEVERAGE AREAS** - a smoking area will be allocated at the north eastern end of the club under the palm trees next to the new BBQ area.

Further information will be provided for members but, we have a \$4 million dollar facility and strict food handling regulations to consider.

Members are asked to be courteous and respectful while in the club grounds and bad or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. See the Club website for a detailed review of dress standards.

Left: The Old Days are now firmly in the past... and below, your guide to looking your best.



Club News

committee

Our Sub-committees are the backbone of the club, if you have any queries or need info go to one of the members below and they'll be glad to help.

Paul Doherty, Finance & Administration
Cameron Simpson.

Simon Mills, Building Implementation
Chris Ackerman, Darren Keast; Len Dockrill, Paul Doherty, Mark Rindfleish and Don Healy.

Greg O'Connell, Marina
Joe Borg, Chris Ackerman, Sam Cutajar, Peter Farley, Mark Folley; Judith Ringe, John Marks; Theodore Rau, Frank Wilkes and John Zammit.

Greg Miles, Hospitality
Simon Mills, John Zammit, Don Healy, Jane McAloon, Maureen Clark, Sam Cutajar, and Terry Lawless.

John Zammit, Boating
Greg Miles, Paul Ringe, Bob Battye, Owen Smart, Chris Ackerman, Lee Joyner, and Graeme Furlonger.

Chris Ackerman, Works
Ron Clark, David Boxshall, Peter Rodger.

Sam Cutajar, Membership
Livio Andolfatto, Ed Keane, Greg O'Connell, Mark Micic and Melinda Taylor.

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Don Healy, Constitution
Jane McAloon, Mark Rindfleish and Greg Miles.

Kathie Rindfleish, Mariners
Susan Mills, Alison Miles, Fiona Zammit, Tracey Keast, Wilma Healy, Melinda Taylor and Kylie Ackerman.

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- *Free use of the RVMYC function room for functions

*Subject to availability and in accordance with the current RVMYC rules for members booking rooms and functions

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Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club Inc. ats Lawler & Bouchier.

The Club provides the following statement concerning the conduct of Michael Bouchier and Peter Lawler: Peter Lawler and Michael Bouchier acted at all times honestly and in good faith, as far as the Club is aware, in relation to transactions arising from the sale and purchase of Joint Venture and Lady Beth.

Don Healy - Hon. Secretary

MEMBERS BAR



Unravelling the dress code

MARINA



 Running shoes ❌	 Track pants ❌	 Collared shirt ✅	 Hair rollers ❌	 House slippers ❌	 Rubber thongs ✅
 Hats ❌	 Rubber thongs ❌	 Footy Shorts ❌	 Rat's tail ❌	 "Nice" t-shirts only ❌	 "Nice" t-shirts only ✅

mariners

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Thank you to all who helped with the outstanding effort over the last month. We have so many members to acknowledge that we need a new issue of propeller. But, in particular the many, many members who attended the last few working bees which made landscaping the area very manageable. Thank you! Over the next month we will be refining and continuing to improve facilities.

An important change is that members gate swipe cards will now be the access card for the building and members area.

Missing items

Dear Members,

During the last two working bees, two shovels were left under the temporary club house near the pot plants.

One of these shovels was a power shovel that was hand crafted by a blacksmith and presented as a gift to my father in 1975. The shovel had some distinct features such as; noticeably heavier than any other shovel, extra long and thick unvarnished handle, approximately 30mm thick across the top, 20cm wide, 30cm long and is visually clear that it's not an over the shelf manufactured shovel. The shovel may have been perceived as unclaimed, and therefore taken. If a club member has taken possession of this shovel, it would be greatly appreciated if it can be returned.

Terry Toscas





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