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ROYAL VICTORIAN MOTOR YACHT CLUB ESTABLISHED 1904

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On Friday 24th of October the club held its Annual Fashion Parade.

Every year, the week before the Spring Racing Carnival, the club profiles the latest fashions

Spring, fashion and fun



from Williamstown's finest establishments. This year we were entertained by the sharp wit and antics of Monica Dullard, who managed to split the sides of the audience, through her insightful thoughts.

We thank all the participating stores and our generous raffle donators: Beauty Mate, Wine Box Warehouse, Motto, Lorna Mills, Paulina de los Reyes, Jethro & Jackson Lavanya Retreat,



Kolourful Kati Shoes, Poppi & Pippa, Hucklebuck Bag Queen, TS 14+, Danny and Sue Brigham.

Story and photos: John Zammit

RVMYC forges links with NUSHIP Canberra

Our club ties with the Royal Australian Navy go back many years and those links were strengthened further in mid October when the RVMYC hosted The Executive Officer, Commander Jason Hunter and senior officers from NUSHIP Canberra at a lunch held in the new RVMYC Members Bistro.

RVMYC Commodore Simon Mills said he welcomed the visit to the club by the Officers of NUSHIP Canberra, "Our long and proud association with the RAN dates back many years and that close association is even written into the RVMYC constitution which affords commissioned officers of the RAN Honorary Membership of our club.

NUSHIP Canberra is the first of two Landing Helicopter Docks (LHDs) being built for the Australian Defence Force. Canberra's hull arrived in Williamstown in October 2012 and since then her superstructure was fitted and combat and communications systems installed at the BAE systems Dockyard, literally just metres from the RVMYC.

Following her acceptance by Defence Material

Organisation, Canberra departed Melbourne on 29 October 2014.

On departure hundreds of BAE Systems employees lined the pier and the decks of sister ship Adelaide (still being completed) to farewell the ship as she slipped out of her berth and set sail for her home port in Sydney. Fiona and I were fortunate enough to be out on the water with a couple

of Navy Photographers on board Blue Tango, the photographers there to capture the historic moment the Canberra, at nearly 28,000 tonne, the largest ship ever operated by the RAN, departed Melbourne.

Director of BAE Systems - Maritime, Bill Saltzer said it was a proud moment. "The final departure of the ship from our yard in Williamstown to its

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Our dolphins are unique

MELBOURNE'S dolphins have officially been recognised as being in a class of their own. Originally thought to be one of the two recognised bottlenose dolphin species, Port Phillip Bay's dolphins have now been confirmed as a new species.

The findings, revealed yesterday in the peer-reviewed scientific journal PLoS ONE, means southern Australia is actually home to three species of bottlenose dolphin.

While she had long suspected this, it took Monash University PhD researcher Kate Charlton-Robb eight years to prove her case.

To do it, she compared the DNA, skull features and appearance of Port Phillip Bay's dolphins with other species to establish the coastal dolphins differed from all other dolphins worldwide.

Named *Tursiops australis*, the new species common name will be the Burrnun dolphin, after an Aboriginal word meaning "large sea fish of the porpoise kind".

Ms Charlton-Robb said that compared to the common bottlenose and the Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins, the Burrnun dolphin had a smaller skull and beak as well as a difference in bone structure in the skull. At 2.5 metres long, the new species is smaller than the three-metre common bottlenose



*Burrnun dolphins are shorter than the common bottlenose dolphin and their three-toned colouring is also unique.
Photo: Rebecca Hallas*

dolphin and its three-toned colouring is also unique. "They're quite distinct from the larger bottlenose dolphins," she said. "And the DNA is very distinct, with its own particular sequence."

However, while a difference in appearance had been noted historically, often it was put down to variations between male and female.

Among the museum samples used in the study was one that dated to 1915. Originally identified as a female common bottlenose, DNA testing and skull morphology confirmed it was a Burrnun dolphin.

"That's been one of the great things," Ms Charlton-Robb said. "These guys have been living under our noses, but this also showed that they've been here for a while."

About 100 Burrnun dolphins live in Port Phillip Bay and they are also found in the Gippsland Lakes, where they number about 50. The small population has implications for genetic diversity of the species and Ms Charlton-Robb said she was keen to get the Burrnun dolphin listed as a threatened species.

"We'll be making all the efforts to try to conserve and protect them and get them listed," she said. "But that's the next step."

Just three new dolphin species have been formally described and recognised since the late 1800s.

Article courtesy Bridie Smith, Sydney Morning Herald.

Keilor Rotary gift

The Rotary Club of Keilor and the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation are holding a fundraiser at the Keilor Bowls Club on Wednesday 19 November.

Is there a RVMYC member who would be prepared to donate a 3-4 hour motor experience for 4 people during the forthcoming summer for their auction?

Profits will go to the Westgate Blue Ribbon Foundation, working in memory of fallen police officers by funding new and improved emergency facilities in western suburb public hospitals in their honour.

Please contact Jarmila in the office if you can help.

Don't miss...

Friday 14 November 2014

Ian Dougall Memorial Fishing Trophy.

Sunday 7 December 2014

Novice Skippers Rally -

It's going to be a big day at the club. After the Rally, Santa will be making an appearance in the afternoon. The Function room downstairs will be hosting a fabulous Christmas all-day Buffet. \$65 a head (\$25 kids)....IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO BOOK FOR THIS FUNCTION.

Sunday 13 December 2014

Saturday Night Dinner with entertainment from Peter Cupples.

New Years Eve

The Members Bar will be operating and serving Bar snacks.



ROYAL VICTORIAN MOTOR YACHT CLUB

Club Social Events

CHRISTMAS ALL DAY BUFFET -

Sunday 7th December 12.30pm

After the Novice Skippers Rally a sumptuous all day buffet will be offered in the function room. Adults \$65.

Kids \$25 - Santa to arrive at 2.30pm

Parents to provide a present under tree.

Children's entertainment including a scavenger hunt, a piñata and games for the tiny tots.

Raffles and Hampers to be won.

Entertainment for adults will be provided by the Mish Fornito duo: 3.00-6.00pm.

What an easy way to have your family Christmas get together!

SATURDAY DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 13th December

Peter Cupples from 7pm

Another fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of year together with fellow members and also an opportunity to invite your guests to the club. *More details to follow.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE @ RVMYC

Why not come to the club for the best view?

The Members bar will be open and snacks will be available, BYO picnic or bring your own Party!

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,

With our impending State election, we have had to sit on our hands in relation to our official opening of the Club.

One of the most important parts of the opening is securing our VIP, and the forthcoming election is occupying most dignitaries and their entourages, so we have to wait until the new year. Originally we were thinking of a day before Christmas but at this stage a February opening is more likely. All members will be informed when a date is fixed.

It's also been very encouraging to see many members enjoying the clubhouse - our navrallies, the Centenary and the recent Marconi navrally have been well attended with 17 boats in the Centenary Cup and 13 in the Marconi Trophy, thanks to John Zammit for doing a great job in getting boats on the water and Tony Willis and Andy Baker for their continued support of the Marconi Trophy.

We have had a few incidents in this first period of the Club which will be dealt with by our disciplinary sub-committee. I would just like to remind members that we need to be patient with each other and to treat each other with due respect and consideration, there is so much to enjoy around the club now and we can look forward to

a multitude of boating events being planned, so grab a fellow member or guest and participate.

If you do have an issue, there is a proper process for grievances at the club - venting an issue to other club members may feel better but it's not ideal. Please send an email or letter to the office if you have a concern with any aspect of the club and it will be discussed and handled in the correct manner, mind you, if there is something really urgent and life-threatening, the flag officers, committee and sub-committee members are always around to help...sorry, if it's life-threatening please ring 000!.

Speaking of helping....a fantastic effort has been made by members during the working bee days, the club grounds are looking terrific and there are so many people to thank...especially Kylie Ackerman, who hasn't seen Chris for a while, if you do see our Vice Commodore please let him know that he is needed at home.

I must say, I have been overjoyed this month seeing the clubhouse finally a reality - sure there are some slight niggles, which are being sorted out as we go to print, our caterers are getting to know our members and we hope to see Terri back very soon at the bar, she has been behind the scenes, cleaning and scrubbing our new abode. Thanks to Greg Miles and the sub-committee who have put in and

enormous effort in securing what will be a great partnership.

We are slowly sorting out our housekeeping but our biggest change would be our new smoking regulations, we no longer allow smoking in the club room area and surrounds - a designated smoking area is next to the old BBQ area on the NE corner of the carpark.

Finally, our boat yard is open and you can book your next 'out-of-water' experience with the office, please be patient if you can't get the time slot required, we will accommodate everyone eventually.

With the end of the year approaching, lets get into our passion for boating and experiencing the waters of Port Phillip, get into our club events and come to one of our Education Nights, you may learn something or even teach a member a thing or two.

Happy boating till next month,

Simon Mills
Commodore

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homeport is a proud moment for the entire team here and those we worked with on the project, including the Commonwealth, Navantia, L3 and Saab.

Mr. Saltzer added, "This achievement highlights the tremendous capability that has been developed here in Williamstown and it is a great example of an Australian prime contractor successfully managing a complex, international naval shipbuilding project.

The LHDs are the largest ships ever built for the Navy and are capable of carrying out a variety of roles including complex amphibious operations. The ships are also designed to be able to conduct

large-scale humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions.

NUSHIP Canberra has now arrived at her homeport at Fleet Base East in Sydney where she will be formally commissioned as HMAS Canberra on 28 November 2014.

CMDR Hunter, commenting after the ship's arrival in Sydney, said that the visit to the RVMYC was a highlight of their stay in Williamstown and added, "NUSHIP Canberra's Wardroom extends our thanks to the Committee and members of the RVMYC for making us so welcome during our time in Williamstown.



"The hospitality shown to us by the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club (RVMYC) at Williamstown was a highlight of our stay and greatly appreciated.

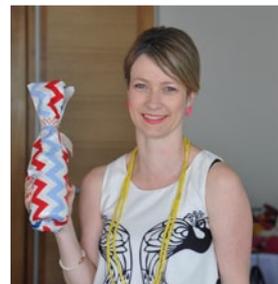
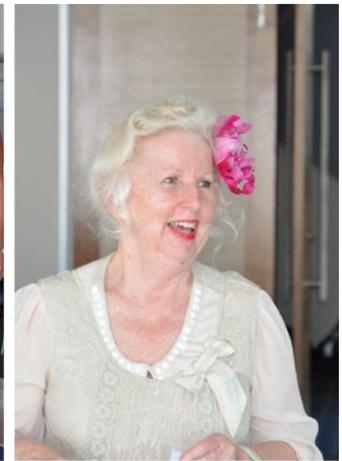
"We thank in particular John and Fiona Zammit who hosted our Defence photographers out on their Riviera so they could capture the historic moment of NUSHIP Canberra leaving the Williamstown dockyard for the last time before her next visit to Melbourne as a Commissioned Ship.

Canberra, along with sister ship, NUSHIP Adelaide, (when completed) will be based at Garden Island, in Sydney. Commodore Simon Mills added, "We look forward to Canberra revisiting Williamstown as a commissioned ship and an opportunity for the RVMYC to again extend a warm welcome to the ships officers and crew.



Photos John Zammit

Spring, fashion and fun



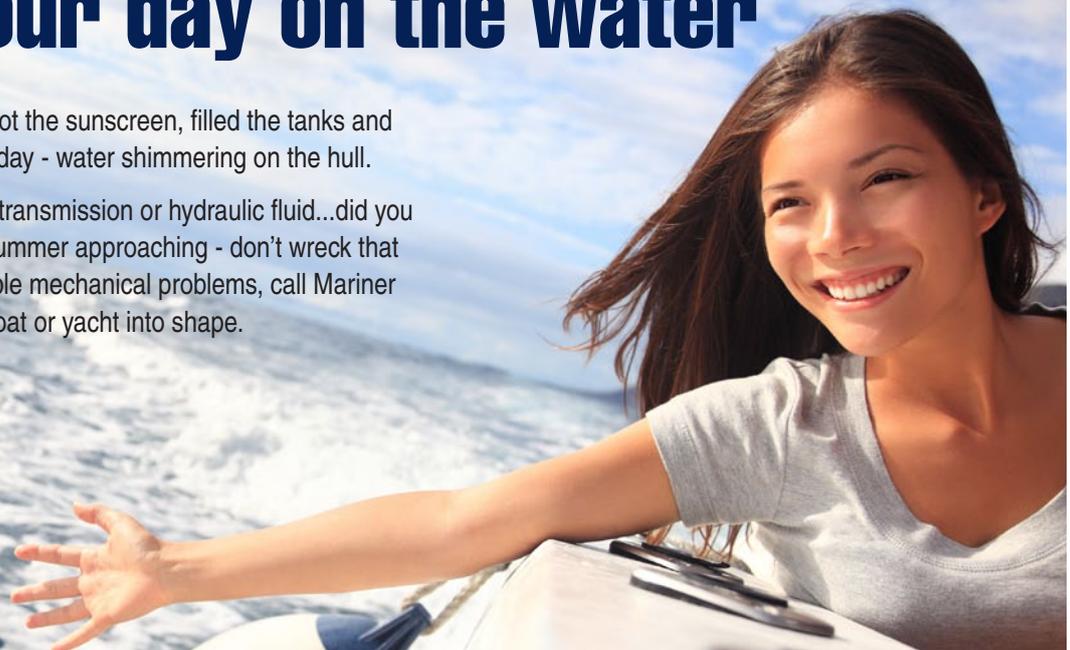
See more photos on the RVMYC website



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Open letter to members

Dear Don,

This fine old Club now has the newest and one of the most enviable show pieces of any Royal Club in Victoria. We have definitely put on show to the community that we have something to offer.

This new facility is the greatest visible change in the last 60 years for the Club, and heralds a definitive line in the sand from the old, tired Club to the new dynamic future for the RVMYC. Similarly, over the last preceding years, there has been, like the tired old building, a gradual decay in the standards accepted of members and guests.

To present the professional package that all members and the community quite rightly expect and support, we must now follow through with restoring the standards, traditions and behaviours becoming of any Royal Club. All persons should feel safe and enjoy their experience in this great place.

Along with this new physical statement, we now must support this new Clubhouse with the attitudes and documented standards that the members and community would expect from a Royal Club. We have the rules, we may need to remind the members of these rules, and where necessary, enforce them without fear or favour. If the members are not supportive in this area, then they have the right to, or be encouraged to, withdraw.

We now need to put the Royal back into the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club with the appropriate manners and respect that should be on display at all times. I am sure that the Committee has the full backing and support of all members in their endeavours to achieve this vision. I for one fully support the Committee on this journey.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Freudenstein.

Club phone number change

Members are reminded the the club's new hone number is 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 ice habit

The most important item in the club - the Ice Box is now located in the yellow fenced area behind the kitchen. Members can access it via the sliding gate at the top of the ramp

No access areas

Members need to use their access card to enter the building (this is the front gate access card not the membership card).

Members can also purchase an access fob if they prefer, that can easily go on a keyring, easier way for some to keep their access device with them. Fobs cost \$40 from the Club office.

BBQ Area

Members are reminded that same rules apply with the new BBQ area.

Alcohol purchases must be made through the members bar if it is in operation due to our Liquor Licensing permit. Out of those times members can bring their own for consumption in the BBQ area.

Club News

Boat yard open for business

Just in tme for the Christmas boating seaton, members can scrub their bottoms and fix those unsightly scratches and bumps from misjudged docking procedures, yes I'm talking to you!

Get your running gear checked over and maybe those faulty exaust manifolds that may break during nav rallies.

Smoking at the Club...

Smoking is now relegated to the dark depths of the club. A remnder of the 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.



Dress code

Dont worry, this dosen't mean you need to wear a dress (unless that's what you're into)....just be aware of what you wear.

With the opening of our new premises our dress regulations will be strictly enforced (Bylaw 62) - if the correct attire (this means - clean things, no work gear, no singlets or thongs) is not worn then members and their guests will be asked to dance naked in the main street - no exceptions.

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.

Livio Andolfatto, Communications
Lorraine McKenzie, Frank Wilkes, Brad Teal, David Collins, Greg Miles and Jarmila Dakic.

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.

Not rocket science

It's not. It really isn't....recycling is probably the easiest thing we have to do in our daily lives, yet most members can't sort it out when at the club. Do we need an Education Night on it? Also...**LOCK THE SLIDING DOORS ON THE BALCONY!!!** The last person to leave the area is responsible.



legal

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




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Diary update & classifieds

For Sale

Ex Club Dining Chairs - \$10 ea

Take a little piece of the club home, or for the holiday house. Our old club chairs are for sale at \$10 each, be quick to select the good ones! Email: rvmyc@optusnet.com.au



Tender/Dinghy - Club property - Sale by tender

Mac 270 Dinghy, mono planing hull made of molded polyethene will suit 5hp engine. Trailable 2.7m. Best offer. **We have 1 offer already but club rules dictate we must advertise.** Email: rvmyc@optusnet.com.au - Closes: 1 December 2014



Unique portable bar/clubhouse - Sale by tender

The memories would be worth a small fortune and if the walls could hear...they would probably blush. Its time to say good bye to our beloved clubhouse. Best offer will get it with bar in place and airconditioners. **We have 2 offers already but club rules dictate we must advertise.** **Good luck!** Email: rvmyc@optusnet.com.au - Closes: 1 December 2014



MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS

Our normal trading hours are;

Wednesday - Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Friday - Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Saturday - Lunch and dinner 12.00 til 9.00 bar snacks available all day until closing (approx 10.00pm)

Sunday - Breakfast and lunch 8.30am to 2.30 pm. bar snacks available all day until closing (approx 8.30pm)

RVMYC EVENTS CALENDAR

2014 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	IAN DOUGAL MEMORIAL FISHING TROPHY					1 BAR OPEN AND BISTRO OPEN
2 BAR OPEN AND BISTRO OPEN			5 MEMBERS DRAW	6	7 BAR/BISTRO OPEN RAFFLE	8 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
9 BAR OPEN AND BISTRO OPEN	DONT MISS THIS EPIC EVENT THAT START ON FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER TILL SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER.		12 MEMBERS DRAW - BISTRO	13	14 BAR/BISTRO OPEN RAFFLE	15 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
16 BAR / BISTRO OPEN IAN DOUGALL MEMORIAL FISHING TROPHY		PRIZES FOR THE BIGGEST AND OF COURSE THE SMALLEST	19 MEMBERS DRAW - BISTRO EDUCATION NIGHT Brian Wilson	20	21 BAR/BISTRO OPEN RAFFLE	22 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
23 BAR OPEN AND BISTRO OPEN	Culminating with a Family BBQ at 12:00 Middy on Sunday (\$12 per head).	26 MEMBERS DRAW - BISTRO	27	28 BAR/BISTRO OPEN RAFFLE	29 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	
30 BAR OPEN AND BISTRO OPEN	CHRISTMAS ALL DAY BUFFET LUNCH: SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER - Santa to arrive at 2.30pm. Children's entertainment including a scavenger hunt, a piñata and games for the tiny tots. Raffles and Hampers to be won. Entertainment 3PM - 6.00PM provided by Mish Forno Duo. Buffet Lunch \$65/\$25. Bookings essential.					

2014 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	REMINDER: EDUCATION NIGHTS		3 MEMBERS DRAW - BISTRO	4	5 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	6 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
7 BAR OPEN NOVICE SKIPPERS RALLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH		Brian Wilson Wednesday 19 November; Brian Wilson General Manager, Communications - Port of Melbourne Corporation	10 MEMBERS DRAW - BISTRO EDUCATION NIGHT Ted Williams	11	12 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	13 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
14 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Untangling the Webb - what redeveloping Webb Dock means for Melbourne & the Bay. An insight and a presentation on the Webb Dock redevelopment.	17 MEMBERS DRAW - BISTRO	18	19 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE CHRISTMAS LUNCH STAFF PARTY	20 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	
21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Ted Williams - BOM Wednesday 10 December; Ted Williams from the BOM to talk about "Weather Events in Port Phillip and Bass Strait".	24 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - Snacks Only XMAS EVE	25 HO HO	26 BAR OPEN AND RAFFLE	27 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	
28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Presentations will start directly after the members draw at 7.30pm.	31 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - Snacks Only NEW YEARS EVE	 NEW YEARS EVE @ RVMYC... BEST WAY TO VIEW FIREWORKS. BAR OPEN.			

CHRISTMAS STAFF PARTY AT RVMYC

MEMBERS ... treat your staff to a Christmas to remember in the RVMYC Function room. It doesn't matter if you're a group of two or twenty-two. Your club is offering a special afternoon to welcome in the Festive season. Join fellow members and business associates.



Friday 19th December 1.00 to 4.00 pm

Special 3 course meal including beer and wine just \$100 per head.

Bookings essential please ring the office on 03 9393 2888.

MEMBERS DRAW

JACKPOTS WEEKLY

Every Wednesday Night!

7.30pm.

Must be there to WIN! Details on website

RVMYC Boating Calendar

2014

November

Fri 14 to Sun 16 Ian Dougall Memorial Trophy Inter-Club Fishing Competition

December

Sunday 07 Novice Skippers Navrally (followed by Christmas Party Lunch)

2015

February

Sunday 01 Henley Cup - PRMBC Navrally (Date TBC)

Sunday 08 Isle of Mordialloc - MMYC Navrally (alternate TBA)

Saturday 14 Herring Island River Cruise and O'night at Marina YE

Sunday 22 SYC Cup (CUB Trophy) - SYC Navrally (alternate TBA)

Sunday 22 Big Bay Swim - Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand

March

Sunday 01 RVMYC Regatta - RVMYC Navrally (alternate Sun 15 Mar)

Sat 07 to Mon 09 Oslo Cup & Cruise to Geelong (Labour Day weekend)

Sunday 22 Williamstown Cup Handicap Navrally

April

Sunday 12 Whalley Cup - (MMYC)

Sunday 26 Australia Cup - RVMYC Navrally (alternate Sun 03 May)

May

Saturday 16 RVMYC Annual Dinner & Awards Night

Sunday 17 Ricketts Point Regatta - BMYS Navrally (Back-up date 30 May)