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Maribyrnong River Cruise

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Opening Day Celebrations

Story by Kathie Rindfleish

The pomp and ceremony was definitely up to our expectations and thank you to Owen Smart for providing "Pookanah" as the Official Boat for the day.

Which past Commodore was missing? It's the first Opening Day which John Holland has missed since the late 90's and we missed him too. John's Tip is "Make sure you check the date when you are booking a flight!!"

What glorious weather it was for boating. Over 30 boats participated in the sail past dipping their ensigns and giving three cheers to the Commodore. We had a great turn out for lunch, and as usual there's a lot of catching up to do after the winter. After the meal members enjoyed dessert and coffee upstairs with live music late into the evening. It's one of our best days on the club calendar. If you missed it this year, make sure that you don't miss out next year. Continued page 4



New to the club

Gillian Calanchini



Paul Zappa



Daniel Johnson



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Mark O'Kane



Alex Tyrrell Graham



Raymond De La Rue



RVMYC SPRING FASHION PARADE

FRIDAY **20 OCT**

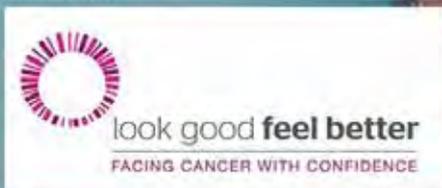
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From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

The weather gods were certainly smiling on us for our Opening Day last Saturday (07 Oct) and the day went off beautifully, the sun was shining, the waters calm and depending on who's count we take as the official number, we had anywhere between 31 and 40 boats out for the Sail Past.

Our Honoured Guest, Captain Tim Standen, CO of HMAS Cerberus and Senior Naval Officer for Victoria gave the official address and the Venerable Bill Beagley blessed the fleet (as he has done for a number of years). We were also fortunate to have Lieutenant Commander Roger Blythman from the Navy League join us and other official guests on the official boat (Pookanah) to take the salute on the Sail past.

A great day as usual, with just the right amount of pomp and ceremony and a great day for members and guests to enjoy the club, catch up with old (and new) friends, relax and socialize. The Historical Re-enactment Society with their cannon, the naval cadets from TS Voyager and the Victorian Scottish Pipes & Drums, all turned out again as they do each year and all added to the day with lots of colour and movement.

I love Opening Day every year and this year, my first as Commodore of this great club, was very special for me. I'm extremely proud of our club, not only the facilities, but also our members, the staff, our rich history and our heritage. I had so many favorable comments about our club on the day from our guests and visitors and the RVMYC has certainly earned a reputation amongst the other clubs for having one of the best Opening Days each year. Thank you to all of the members who

came along and helped make it a fantastic day, thanks also to all of those (and there were many of them) that helped out with the organizing, and a big thank you to Owen Smart for the use of Pookanah as the official boat.

On a slightly different note, thank you to members who responded with feedback to the concept plans for the revamp of the yard and the Library and Committee room fit-out. All comments were considered and discussed by Committee and we have now moved to stage 2, seeking planning approval for the yard work and finalising the detail for the internal work.

We also recently wrote to members who currently have a berth in our marina advising that the club has instigated a 'Berth Holders Participation Program' (BHPP). Our marina is a limited resource in terms of numbers and our rates are low compared to commercial marinas by virtue of the fact that we are a club. However, to be able to maintain the benefits that membership provides, we need members to be active within the club. Fortunately for us, the vast majority of berth holders are active and for those, the BHPP will have virtually no impact.

Inactive members however, will in future, pay a slightly higher rate, on a sliding scale, dependent on their level of participation. Berth holders will be required to accrue 10 points, over 12 months with points accrued for club participation in a variety of ways. The system is designed to make it easy for members to accrue the maximum points required and the committee will also consider special circumstances where they apply.

And coming up, the first of our Navrallies, the Miss Australia Cup. Details have gone

out to members and I encourage you all to take part in the Navrally's. They are a great opportunity to use your boat, even if don't want to seriously compete, it gets you out on the water. And if you don't have a boat and would like to take part, let the office know and we'll see if we can't get you on board. Oh, and by the way, as a boating event it's worth 2 points in the BHPP.

Last week Fiona and I were guests of the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand at their annual Pink Breakfast, held in our function room and which the RVMYC supported. In aid of Breast Cancer research, the event was a 'sell out' success attracting a crowd of over 200 guests. While I suppose I'm slightly biased, I have to congratulate Fiona who was asked to MC the event at relatively short notice and did an absolutely splendid job and in the process did our club proud. It also showcased our club to a very large audience, many of whom were locals and potential members.

With the season opening and the weather improving, there's plenty going on at the club. Wednesday evenings (club night) just keep getting better and better, if you haven't been for a while, make the effort, I can assure you it's worthwhile. And keep an eye out for the Wednesday Wrap and visit the website and our Facebook page to keep up with all that's happening.

On that note (and the fact I'm running out of space) that's it from me till next month.

Regards,

John Zammit
Commodore



RVMYC Club
Welcome Day
Sunday 26 November
11.30am - 3.30pm

BBQ * COFFEE * DISPLAYS



Yarra River speed limit changes

New speed limits now apply for vessels less than 35 m in length on the Yarra River. From the entrance to the Yarra River (Beacons 23 and 24) to the southern drip line of the West Gate Bridge, the limit is now 8 knots (prev 10 knots). From the southern drip line of the West Gate Bridge to the Bolte Bridge, the limit is now 6 knots





L-R: R Blythman (Navy League), Commodore J Zammit, Capt. Tim Standen, Rev. Bill Beagley



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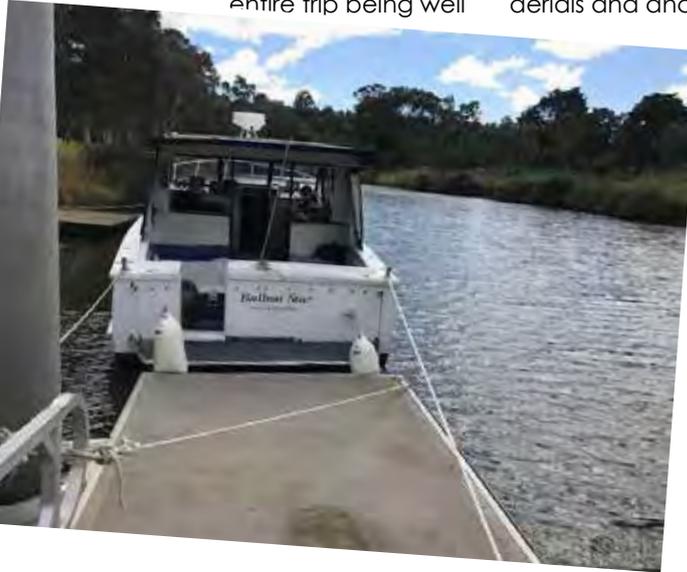


Maribyrnong River Cruise

Story by Gary Rigby

Two boats and a dozen people made up the RVMYC 'fleet' for the Maribyrnong Cruise and BBQ on Sunday 24th September. Balboa Star was the first to arrive at the Canning St Reserve BBQ area with Scooter II arriving a little while later. The free BBQs were very clean and everyone enjoyed a good feed in the sunshine. The forecast had called for wind and showers but there wasn't a drop of rain and although it was a bit breezy at times there was no adverse effect up the river with the entire trip being well

sheltered. Once past the Coope Island industrial area the fleet passed Flemington Racecourse and some amazing luxury riverfront homes. It really didn't seem like the boats were only a footy kick from the CBD of one of our country's major cities. With the tide coming in it was a bit close under the lowest bridge on the way back for Balboa Star but with a few people on board this left a healthy 6 inches of clearance - Phew!!





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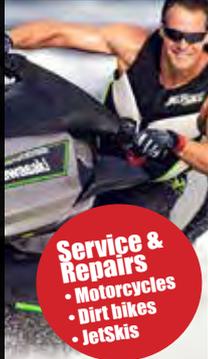


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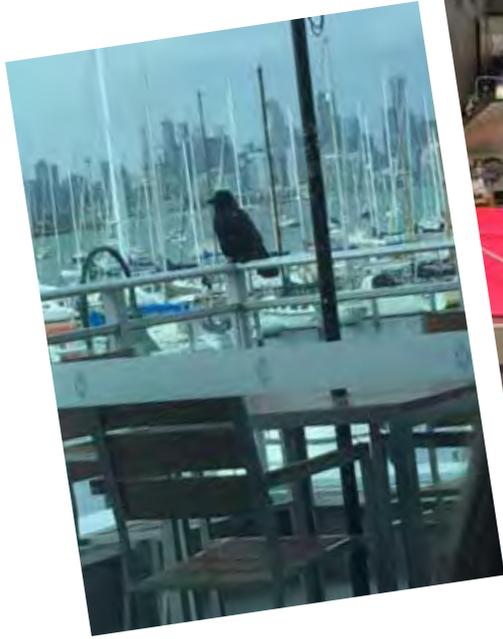
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Tigers unleash fury

Story and Photos Fiona Zammit

We had a great turn out on Saturday, special thanks to the more than 30 helpers at the working bee in the morning - and to the Oswin family - sausage sizzlers extraordinaire! More than 60 upstairs to watch the game - mostly Tigers supporters - and one lonely Crow, outside!



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Missy B II heads for the Gold Coast Docklands Departure

Story by Mark Folley

With a crew of 8 the Missy B II departed for the Gold Coast last night, they plan to take around 10 days visiting Sydney on their way to their new home in the Gold Coast.

Many thanks to Gene and Simone for hosting the RVMYC officials on our last 4

RVMYC Opening Days. The Missy B II has also been the official start boat for the last 5 RGYC Australia Day Passage races.

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RVMYCHAT!

Kaylene Evers

RVMYC: We know you have a history with the RVMYC being the daughter of a former Commodore, when did it all start for you? My dad was commodore twice at this club in 1991 and 1992. He was a member long before this, he joined the club around 1970, so we've been around the club for a long time and I remember being around here before I was married. My first vivid memories are from around 1980s which was when I was married and I'd had my daughter. We came regularly, on Saturday and we'd have lunch as a family on Sundays. We'd go boating every Saturday. My daughter's first opening day was the year she was born, in her little stroller, wearing a tiny club pin on her outfit. While she was at primary school she filmed a video assignment down here at the club, acting the role of first lady commodore! We are about to have my granddaughter's first opening day this year, which I'm so excited about.

RVMYC: It appears there was a lot of boating activity? Yeah, and that's the change I notice today, there is less boating nowadays. We used to boat a lot, on a Saturday everyone would come down, have lunch in the club and then head out. The marina was empty until they'd all get back and we'd have drinks and socialise. The boats were out all the time; that's the difference now, the boats are not out as much.

RVMYC: You've had some time away from the club, you only joined last year? I did have time away from the club, I was involved when Mum and Dad were at the club, and my kids grew up here, my

daughter is 37 now. As my dad got older I was here a lot supporting him and I attended social presentation nights and dinner dances (we used to have lots of dinner dances then) with him while mum was looking after elderly parents. The club has gone through a positive metamorphosis recently I think, and that's a good thing. There was a period of time that I didn't enjoy coming to the club, the environment was very different and I decided to pull away. Then I came back and the club seemed invigorated. I'm really happy to see that.

RVMYC: During your absence from the club, was your focus on family/career? Yes, family and career. Shortly before my divorce I became ill, I was diagnosed with MS – I'd had a serious accident, which I didn't recover from, so I started planning my future with MS. I went back to university; the registration requirements had changed for psychologists and I hadn't been practicing so I hooked back into academic life. There were so many subjects that didn't exist in the 70s when I went to university and I loved it. So, I did that until they kicked me out because I had too many units and I couldn't do any more. I became an academic at university in the psych department, and I stayed there and raised my kids. It was a busy, busy time.

RVMYC: You're now in your own practice? While I was an academic, I had a part-time private practice, which grew quite quickly. I was at the point where I had to choose whether to grow or abandon the business, so I took the plunge to go full-time into private practice and leave academia, which was a leap for a woman with no secure income. The best thing I did – it was a big jump but I love it, love my work and what I do and being highly successful. I've done a lot of work here and overseas. I'm quite well published. Whilst I was an academic I did a lot of research into MS. I did my PHD on chronic illness so I developed the Bio Psycho social model of chronic illness. I did a lot of work with refugees, cultural work with Germany and then in the Middle East, so I worked with the American University of Beirut and the University Hospital in Beirut. I did a lot of work with refugees and cross-cultural psychology,

that was fascinating. I am also a Justice of the Peace and have been seen a few times on television on A Current Affair as their on call psychologist. As I'm very busy and they have often needed an opinion, they have mostly come to me and fitted in with my schedule after they first saw I could manage the gig. Once they even filmed in my kitchen with the interviewer being a mobile phone in my lap!

RVMYC: Has this experienced informed your current work?

Yes, I do a lot of work with refugees from Brighton to Broadmeadows, people are still people regardless of where they're from. There's been a change in the Broadmeadows area, there's a strong Arabic refugee culture. There are problems with the government understanding Christian and Muslim refugees and that creates problems in the area. It's not exclusively my practice, my practice is very diverse. **RVMYC: Are you still involved in research?** No, I've had to let research go, I felt I'd done a lot of research, it had been well received and had gone as far as I wanted in terms of what I wanted to achieve with it, which was to change the practice of treatment for people with chronic illness. I did a lot of research at the Alfred Hospital and in Beirut and used this experience in my own practice.

RVMYC: What's been your most unusual/unique experience? I think I'm pretty ordinary but most people who meet me would not know I funded my education and had the Australian Champion Dancing school. We were the school of Dance Cybernetics ... meaning control and communication through dance. The school was champion for many years in all styles, I'm qualified to teach and adjudicate in classical, tap, jazz, contemporary styles. I'm also qualified in ballroom dance.

RVMYC: Are you still dancing now? No, my body has let me down. I love dance but I can't do what I used to do. Up to a few years ago I was still challenging myself to learn new styles, I learned Argentinian Tango, which is very different from ballroom tango, and I learnt salsa and lambada... I love it.

RVMYC: I thought I overheard you say the other week you're studying? Yes, I do have a PHD in psychology and a diploma in Hypnotherapy. I've also done a lot of mediation in my practice; I would write up a mediation agreement for couples and then they'd take that to a lawyer who'd charge them a lot of money to ratify what I'd done. So, I decided to become a mediator. I did the mediation training and got a Grad Dip in Mediation from Bond University. When I came back I did supervised practice with a barrister in the city, a mediation specialist.

RVMYC: Favourite restaurant? I love food, I don't have a favourite restaurant. Mum was a really good



Kaylene Evers

cook, we'd eat Japanese, Chinese, Spanish etc. I do have a favourite foodie experience - my daughter had applied for a banking job and we'd agreed, if she got the job, I'd take her anywhere to celebrate. She got the job, and she booked the Press Club, it was expensive but well worth the experience.

RVMYC: Favourite holiday destination? I've been to a lot of places, I usually tag a holiday on the back of a conference. I'm very excited because next month I'm going on a holiday, a pure holiday, no work associated! I'm going to Jerusalem, Egypt and Greece. I'm very excited. I have an emotional attachment to Italy, Florence, Venice is lovely, but Florence is amazing.

RVMYC: Favourite wine? Champagne, hands down... all the way.

RVMYC: What motivates you? Living according to my own values; I feel at my age I can say that. I get a buzz out of doing what I think is right and get much joy out of being a good person.

RVMYC: What does the future look like? I don't see myself as fully retired, I do want to condense my work hours and do more pro-bono work. Having the courage to not work so much, have more of a life, that's a challenge for me. Re-joining this club and making a commitment to myself to come at least once a week. I'm thinking of buying a boat, in fact, I would not be surprised if my son bought a boat. We love the water, we've been on boats all our lives... yeah, I just love the water.

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Rotary Pink Breakfast

Story by Fiona Zammit

Our function room was ablaze with pink on Tuesday morning when the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand hosted their annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast. Our marina looked fabulous in the sunshine as more than 200 guests enjoyed a hearty breakfast served by Rotarian volunteers and descended on the huge array of raffle and auction items. I was delighted to be asked to MC the event and introduce the very special guest speaker. Lyn Swinburne AM, is not only the founder of the Breast Cancer Network Australia and one of the Financial Review's 100 most influential women but also a local - having spent the first three years of her life in Williamstown. Lyn spoke from the heart about her breast cancer survival experience, the growth and achievements of BCNA which now has over 130,000 members and a global

reach and how the 'pink lady' and the field of women came about. It was wonderful to be part of such a positive and successful event and to see our catering staff Sally and Terry contributing their time to help out as well. Congratulations to the Rotary Club and all its hard working members who I am sure would have raised many thousands of dollars for the Breast Cancer cause. By the way - RVMYC members and Rotarians Richard McKay, Terry O'Hare and Mick Tresize looked fabulous serving breakfast in their bright pink aprons!



A note from Kay Didenkowski

A very successful event was held with 200 mainly women attending to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research. A prominent speaker - Lyn Swinburne AM - women's advocate and founder of Breast Cancer Network Australia, enthralled the audience with her account of her own breast cancer experience. A delicious breakfast, catered by the Yacht Club staff, and many raffle prizes and silent auction items helped to raise a considerable sum of money to be shared among Breast Cancer Network Australia, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, and National Breast Cancer Foundation.

For the second year a big drawcard was the superb venue - early morning sun across the bay through the windows could not be improved on. The Rotary Club is extremely grateful for the opportunity to use this facility. The wonderful MC for the event was the wife of the Commodore - Fiona Zammit - who ensured with grace and charm that proceedings flowed smoothly. This event, now in its seventh year, is one that involves a great deal of co-operation and sponsorship from the wider Williamstown community, and reservations are already coming in for next year's Pink Breakfast.





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Calendar of Events

- Sunday 15 October
RVMYC Miss Australia Cup Navrally
- Friday 20 October
Fashion Parade
- Saturday 18 November (TBC)
RVMYC Progressive Boat Dinner in the marina
- Sunday 19 November
RVMYC Centenary Trophy Navrally
- Saturday 25 November
RVMYC Fishing Competition
- Sunday 26 November
RVMYC Club Welcome Day
- Sunday 10 December
RVMYC Christmas Party
- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 January
RVMYC Weekend Cruise to Portarlington
- Sunday 4 February
Henley Cup Navrally
- Sunday 11 February
SYC Cup/CUB Trophy Navrally
- Saturday 24 February
80s Trivia
- Sunday 25 February
RVMYC Regatta Navrally
- Sunday 4 March
RVMYC Lonsdale Cup Navrally
- Sunday 11 March
RVMYC Oslo Cup Navrally
- Sunday 17/18 March
Yarra's Edge Weekend Bowling
- Sunday 25 March
Isle of Mordialloc Navrally
- Sunday 7 April
RVMYC Commonwealth Games
- Sunday 8 April
Whalley Cup - RVMYC/SYC/MMYC Navrally
- Sunday 15 April
RVMYC Williamstown Cup Handicap Navrally
- Sunday 22 April
RVMYC RVMYC Marconi Cup Navrally
- Saturday 12 May
RVMYC Gala Ball/Presentation Night
- Sunday 20 May
Ricketts Point Regatta Navrally



MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS

Our normal trading hours are;

Wednesday - Bar open 5pm. Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Friday - Lunch 12-2.30pm, Bar open from 12pm. Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

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

Sunday - Lunch 12.00pm to 2.30pm, Bar open till 7.30pm

RVMYC EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Miss Australia Cup Navrally		4 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	5	6 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	7 Opening Day
8 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Fashion Parade		11 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	12	13 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	14 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
15 Miss Australia Cup Navrally			18 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	19	20 Fashion Parade	21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
22 BAR / BISTRO OPEN			25 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	26	27 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
29 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	30	31				

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Progressive Boat Dinner in the marina		1 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	2	3 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	4 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
	Centenary Trophy Navrally		8 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	9	10 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	11 BAR / BISTRO OPEN
5 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Fishing Competition		15 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	16	17 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	18 Progressive Dinner in the marina
12 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	Club Welcome		22 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	23	24 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR	25 Fishing Competition
19 Centenary Trophy Navrally			29 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	30		
26 Community Open Day	27	28				

Duty Officers

October 2017

- 7-8 L ANDOLFATTO
- 14-15 P SKENE
- 21-22 G O'CONNELL
- 28-29 K RINDFLEISH

November 2017

- 4-5 S WARNER
- 11-12 D COLLINS
- 18-19 J ZAMMIT
- 25-26 P DOHERTY