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RVMYCHAT!

It's back!

Turn to page 10 for a chat with member Tracey Keast.

What a load of rubbish....

Story by John Marks

At RVMYC, your club provides a waste removal service, using eight large dumper bins - four for general waste, and four for recyclables. Unfortunately, when the truck arrives weekly, all the bins are emptied into one truck. When the service started, two trucks arrived, but soon after the waste company started to send only one truck.....cont.page 4

Oh What a Wonderful Feeling..... A Wine and Cheese Afternoon

Story by Mark Bettiol



Before this article starts, first of all recognition should be made to everyone who worked behind the scenes of this event to ensure that the afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.

From all accounts the Wine and Cheese session on the Saturday was indeed a popular activity. Even after the initial numbers were reached, I understand that there was one extension to allow extras.



Even then, unfortunately some people missed out on an entertaining afternoon.

We found the afternoon to be very informative and educational as well as facilitating the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. It also allowed me to do two of my favourite activities at the same time – eating and drinking!

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Ladies Who Boat

See page 9 for the full story

Many female members of our Club have an enviable boating history. In this story Fiona Zammit shares her insights into what it is like to get behind the helm.

Who's New to the Club

A warm welcome
to our new Club members

David Beck



Carlos Bezerra



Friday Night Dinner

Story by Ann Przybysz

WOW and WOW. What a great night it was with many members and their guests.

Fifty members were booked in for the Friday Night Dinner but we ended up with 70 members and guests attending. With the cool help of Paul, Melinda, Fiona and Chef Glen, of course things ran smoothly. Drinks all round thanks to Terri and her fabulous staff.



There was so much great food to go around, and even enough for seconds - and thirds!!

Then it was time to let the games begin, and that they did. Cards, darts, boardgames - you name it, members played it.



To everyone involved, it was a great job done & a perfect night. Everyone who was present would say the same three times over. . A huge THANKS for a great night and hope there's more of them. On a serious note it takes alot of effort to organise a night like this so a big thanks to everyone that pitched in.

Cheers!



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,

Regards,

John Zammit
Commodore

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'John Zammit'.



Blue Ribbon Foundation Fundraiser - Gippsland Branch

For the memory of our Victorian Police killed in the line of duty.

On the 23 February, 2019 our Gippsland Branch is holding a fundraiser. We aim to raise funds for much needed medical equipment in local hospitals. We are seeking assistance from the community by way of donations for raffles and auctions.

For more info contact the event co-ordinator Sarah on 0429 840 773.

What a load of rubbish....

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Story by John Marks

Emptying eight dumpers weekly costs \$800 - \$1000.00 per month, even if the bins are not full. Now the club has organized consolidation of the bins, sometimes reducing eight bins to two, with commensurate savings. As a club, we generate huge quantities of waste, some of which is boat maintenance refuse, but the majority is drink cans and bottles, food waste and containers. Reinforced by the recent ABC program War on Waste, many of us are now much more aware of the amount of waste we generate, and the need to get back to recycling much of this. Every fishing and boating publication has recently run stories on the problem of plastic in our oceans.

In the weekly consolidation of our bins, the recyclables are separated, even though at present all waste goes in one truck. We cannot get back to correct recycling if our waste is not separated.

In the near future, all Australians will have to shape up to reducing our waste footprint, and being personally responsible for correct recycling, unless we are to drown in waste and stored material, and pay for our current lack of focus. Councils and governments will need policy and facilities, and businesses, clubs and individuals will all be asked to co-operate as they deal with waste each day. If waste is separated correctly, the recycling process is much less costly and labour intensive, and the recycling companies will be able to create new product much more

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Mallacoota- A place to relax

Story by Ann Przybysz

Mallacoota is a small town around 23 kilometers off the Princes Highway. The lakes are great for all sorts of water activities and are also well known for their large flatheads and bream. Further out you will find Gabbo Island. This is an area in the East Gippsland region that quite a few RVMYC



members would have passed in the south east, on their way back to Melbourne when bringing home their new boats. It is a great place to take a step back, relax, and hopefully catch a few fish!!




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Williamstown....then and now.

Story by John Marks

In 1950, Williamstown was a quiet seaside suburb. Its main claim to fame was a superb beach, which catered for people from Moonee Ponds, Footscray and Yarraville. Most did not own cars, so on a hot day, cream and red buses brought hundreds to the beach. It was a day out, and relief from Melbourne's summer heat.

A clutch of old-style milk bars provided an ice cream or a malted milk, and a Wurlitzer juke box down the back had the bobby-soxers jiving. Les's, on the corner of Garden Street, boasted eight malted mixers in a row. Alternate green and red polished lino tiles covered the floor, and staff wore snappy uniforms. A neon sign on the roof depicted a polar bear eating an ice cream, with the slogan "Bear In Mind, Sennitt's Ice Cream".



— WILLIAMSTOWN —
SEAGULLS
 EST. 1864

For sporting interest, VFA team the Seagulls often took the flag, and a ferocious rivalry with the mob across the river at Port Melbourne kept the locals riveted. The entire western suburbs erupted when the Doggies won the premiership in 1953. Williamstown also dominated the Lacrosse competition. The local life saving club served as a social hub for youngsters, as well as providing beach safety. 2Commando at Point Gellibrand and the Merrett rifle range kept us in touch with the military.

Williamstown had two cinemas, Hoyts Shore in Ferguson Street, and the Empress in Garden Street. Before being rebuilt after a spectacular fire in 1956, the Empress was known as the "Bug House". A weather-board structure, its interior simulated a wealthy desert Arab's tent, with palm trees and pyramids on the walls, velvet drapes and curtain, star-lit ceiling and plush velvet seats.

Williamstown even had its own race course, but it was dismantled before World War II.

Most locals lived modestly in timber homes, with the well-off residing along The Strand, Victoria Street, and the Esplanade. This changed in the 1970's, with the opening of the Westgate Bridge. Previously those going to the City and eastern suburbs crossed the Yarra River on the Short Road Ferry, a steam powered anachronism, which often held up the already slow service as a ship took priority. Gradually, home buyers wishing to live near the City discovered Williamstown, with its reasonably priced real estate and sea-side amenity. Now, a single-fronted weatherboard in a narrow back street, with no off-street parking could cost you a million.

As a legacy of the busy port scene in the early days, Williamstown sported fifty pubs. Post war they served factory workers who fancied a drink or two at knock-off time. Altona down the road had none, so Kororoit Creek Road was busy after closing time at six o'clock. Some hotels have been demolished, others converted to residences. A few currently serve good value meals to the locals. The most famous, iconic Crewes' Steam Packet Hotel, still stands proudly in Cole Street.

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Shipping-wise, Williamstown had been left behind, as port facilities moved to Port Melbourne and North and South wharves in the Yarra.

The majority of employment opportunities came from HMA Naval Dockyard, Newport Power Station, and the Victorian Railways workshops. These industries, being government owned, paid no municipal rates, so the city was nearly always broke. We had the unenviable reputation of suffering Melbourne's worst streets. Traditionally, the dockyard and railways workshops had superb technology, and trained many apprentices, but by the 1980's neglect and indifference had these facilities in decline.

Williamstown provides the best Bayside shelter for small boats, and the four local clubs, still in existence, support local boaties, well-heeled or less well-off. Those days, small boat harbours could be found between Gellibrand and Breakwater piers (until the advent of the Altona Refinery), along the Esplanade, and particularly the old-world stone harbour at Bayview Street. It's still there, check it out! John Percival's "Gannets Diving" depicts the Bayview Street harbour perfectly. Artist Leslie Sands left a lasting impression of the small boats at Breakwater Pier, moored to convict-built stone jetties, in water-colour.

The famous Time Ball Tower is all that's left of old Point Gellibrand.

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The original cemetery was re-located to make way for a grain store in the early 20th century. Then came the Stanvac Altona Refinery in 1953, with its associated oil wharf at Gellibrand Pier. Iconic Gellibrand Pile Light was damaged, burnt, and demolished.

It's a pity that more maritime history was not saved, as was done in Sydney Harbour.



Some old-timers regret the passing of old Williamstown, but, you know, times change. Nelson Place is no longer a bustle of maritime service industry. Night-life is almost non-existent.

Maybe we're a quiet seaside suburb once more?

Above: L-R Williamstown then, and now

Left: John Percival's "Gannet's Diving"

WINE AND CHEESE AFTERNOON

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The wines were provided by Feathertop Wines of Porepunkah (for those not familiar with the area it is up near Bright), whilst the cheese was provided by L'Artisan Cheese from Geelong – although the milk for the cheese was sourced in Warrnambool I believe.

Having not been to a wine and cheese afternoon before, I didn't

know what to expect but it was a very relaxed atmosphere and as each glass was filled both Kel and Janelle kept everyone educated with an explanation of each wine, the history of their vineyard and the occasional trivia question just to keep people on their toes. There was some fierce competition with most wanting to win some wine too!

Matthieu from L'Artisan also provided some great insight into his cheeses. We found it amazing that there was still a lot of hand / manual production involved in the production of his delicious cheeses. There was only one problem - nobody on the table could agree on the best cheese because they were all so good!

OPENING DAY
SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 2018

RVMYC OPENING DAY
Commodore John Zammit and the RVMYC Committee, are pleased to invite all members to the 115th Season Opening Day

- 11.30 Drinks on arrival
- 12.00 Official Opening Ceremony
- 12.30 Depart for Fleet Sail Past
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LADIES WHO BOAT

Story by Fiona Zammit

I'm a firm believer in recognising people's strengths and letting people do what they are best at. I'm good at throwing ropes and John is a pretty good skipper. That's why, when Tango Too comes into a port or is about to raft up, you are most likely to see John at the helm and me on the bow or stern ready to throw a line and tie up quickly.

That's the way it works for the Zammits. It's what I prefer – and when I am not being the deckie, I don't mind looking after the drinks and food or just sitting back and enjoying the ride.



However, that doesn't mean I can't drive a boat (nor that John isn't any good at ropes). The opposite in fact is the reality. We have made a point of making sure that I can, and regularly do, drive the boat. With 45 foot, 16 tonne and 760 horsepower Tango Too, and Blue Tango before

her, these are large and potentially dangerous machines. We can't

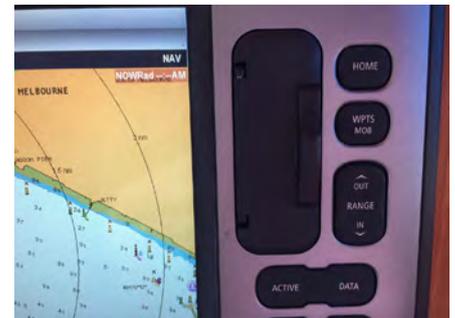
be reliant on only one person being able to control her so we have to plan for contingencies. John might get ill unexpectedly, he may be needed in the engine to deal with something noisy or dangerous going on, or he may simply have been at the helm for a long time and needs a rest.

That is why, from day 1 of big boating, we have made sure we can both drive and berth our boats and know what to do in the event of an emergency. I took a TL3 boat handler's course years ago. I practice driving each boat and manoeuvring in tight places and often do some driving when we are out and about. I can't say I am confident bringing her into the marina but could certainly get her "close enough" if I needed to. It might result in a "rough landing" if the weather isn't good but it's better than not being able to get in and help in an emergency. We've even thrown a fender (not each other) overboard in open water to practice getting close

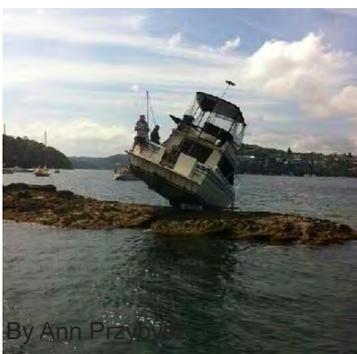


enough for "the victim" to climb back on without being run over by the props.

It's also important to know how the radio works- it's better to use it the first time for a radio check rather than to call a May Day! I also understand and know how to initiate the Man Over Board marker on our GPS. You wouldn't want to lose that fender ;-)



So: Can I drive the boat? Yes
Do I enjoy driving the boat? Yes – especially on a beautiful calm day.
Should all ladies be able to drive their boats? ABSOLUTELY – it's critical for the safety and security of everyone on board.
Do I prefer to drive the boat?
Heck no - I like sitting back with a glass of bubbles in my hand and having John drive me much better!



By Ann Priz...

TIP OF THE MONTH Navigation.

Never rely solely on your instruments as they can fail. Always be sure to check which way you are heading, and keep an eye on your compass. Foggy days are the hardest especially when it's like pea soup. Relying on your GPS is not always a good thing as they can normally be out by a fair bit depending on how you have set them up. If ever in doubt slow down. Night time things change. Everything looks different. Just take your time and you will get there.

RVMYCHAT!

Tracey Keast

What is your connection to RVMYC and Williamstown?

We had been members of the Morris Minor Car Club and loved the club atmosphere so after purchasing our first cruising boat we wanted that club comradery so we joined the RVMYC and that brought us here to Williamstown. When we first joined we lived in South Morang a bit of a drive away so we would spend most weekends staying on our boat at the club or around the bay. We now live in Williamstown North having moved to be closer to the club.

What do you like most about the club?

I love the atmosphere of the club, staying at other clubs meeting their members and making new friends. The many boating events cruising with other club members around the bay and the rivers. I like our social events, especially Opening Day. Seeing so many boats participating in the sail pass is an awesome sight. I love the Gala Awards night and the friendships that I have made over the years.

How and why did you become involved in boating?

When I first met Darren his Dad had a boat and they taught me to water ski. That was my introduction to boating. Once our son Alex and daughter Rachel came along we bought our own speedboat and skied at Lake Eppalock where we have had an onsite caravan for over 30 years. One school holidays we hired a 34

Clipper at Metung and spent 3 days travelling the lakes and living on board. We fell in love with cruising the waterways and decided to get into this type of boating.

What's been your most unusual/ unique experience?

The first time I was invited to crew on a boat being brought to Victoria from Port Stephens was amazing. It was the first time I had ever come down the coast by boat, calling into different ports along the way and going ashore to have a look around the towns. Coming down the coast was a wonderful experience seeing our beautiful coastline. I was surprised to see so many other boats doing the same thing.

Favourite restaurant?

There are a number of nice restaurants in Williamstown. When we dine out it would be at the Lion Dance Chinese Restaurant, Al Porto Vecchio or the Steampacket Hotel. These restaurants we would go to the most, as we enjoy their food & have never had a bad meal.

Tell me something about yourself that people would not be aware of?



Many years ago Darren and I owned a General Store and Post Office in a town called Antwerp. It's in the Wimmera area half way between Dimboola and Jeparit, north of Horsham. I was the local Post Mistress and we had 43 families in the area that the post office serviced. I learnt how to fill gas bottles and pump petrol and became a member of the Ladies Hall Committee, which organised social events and fundraising for the upkeep of the hall. We spent 3 years there and during that time our son Alex was born in Warracknabeal. It was a great experience.

About 10 years ago Darren was Commodore of the RVMYC and as the wife of the Commodore with a wonderful committee called the Mariners, we were responsible for the social events that the club held. It was a very busy two years representing the RVMYC at other clubs official ceremonies and organising events for our club.

Favourite holiday destination?

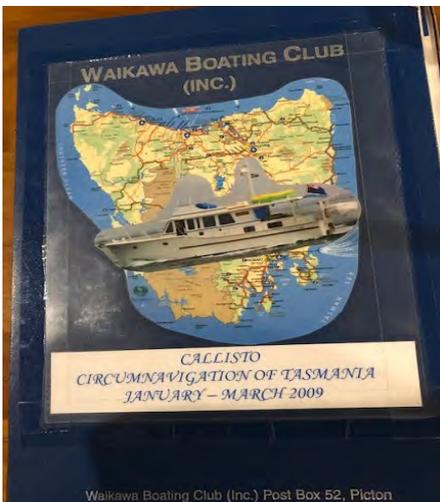
It would have to be around the Whitsundays. There are so many beautiful islands to anchor off. The waters are warm and crystal clear to swim in. One favourite beach is Whitehaven. The sand is so white and soft.

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I also love Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach. We have a couple of favourite spots at these places where you can sit and watch the day go by.

What motivates you?

I've never really thought about it. I'd say Darren was my biggest motivator. I love his company and the many adventures we go on, like travelling in our camper (heading to QLD soon) or off cruising the waterways, living and experiencing life as best as we can.



Waikawa Boating Club (Inc.) Post Box 52, Picton

High seas, bay, river or lake?

All have their own allure we have cruised our bay many times and

still do, but I have to say cruising the ocean is a favourite. In 2008 Darren and I did a test trip to Tasmania to see how we would go on our own. This being a success, we then spent 2 months in 2009 circumnavigating Tasmania on Callisto a 43' motor cruiser, travelling 1900 nautical miles. After this we then took Callisto to Nelson Bay, Port Stephens and due to the weather we travelled 3 1/2 days straight taking turns on watch during the night. I usually got the midnight to 3.00am shift. With 85 hours on the water, she stayed there for 14 months. Then after Port Stephens we spent time on the Hawksbury River before bringing her back home to Williamstown. 2015 saw us take Callisto north. We went from Williamstown to Lizard Island living on the boat for 6 months before leaving her at the Gold Coast. We did this for another 2 years cruising up to Far North Queensland and around the Whitsunday Islands. I had travelled approximately 6,000 nautical miles. We have since sold Callisto and have bought a Fleming 55 called Liberty 11.

We brought her down from Cairns

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This is a project from the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand 

and hope to circumnavigate mainland Australia in the future. Next year we will be cruising the high seas again. Can't wait!



Portarlington Day Trip and Winery Tour
 Sunday 16th September

Members and guests are invited to join us on a day trip to Portarlington for lunch and a private winery tour at Terindah Estate, starting at the Docklands with an 11am departure on the ferry.

Lunch will be at the own expense of members and guests either in The Shed restaurant or a casual meal on The Deck. If you wish to dine in the restaurant please advise the office as bookings are required for the Shed Restaurant.

The Club will book the tickets for the ferry if you register and confirm by Friday 7th September. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased at the Docklands pier prior to departure.

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Sunday - Lunch 12.00pm to 2.30pm. Bar open till 8pm approx.

To view the weekly Bistro menu, visit the RVMYC website

Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office or bar; 3 year licence \$98.20; 1 year licence \$36.20; 28 day licence \$20.60; 3 day licence \$10 Please see Terri at the bar. Members can use their accounts to pay.

NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence

RVMYC EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					31 Friday Night Roast	1 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
2 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	3	4	5 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	6	7 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	8 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
9 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	10	11	12 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	13	14 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	15 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
Portarlington Ferry Trip & Winery Tour	17	18	19 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	20	21 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	22 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
23 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	24	25	26 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	27	28 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	29 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
30 BAR / BISTRO OPEN						

Calendar of Events

Sunday 16th September

Portarlington Ferry Trip & Winery Tour

Sunday 6th October

Opening Day

Sunday 19th October

Spring Fashion Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday 25th November

Community Open Day

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OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	4	5 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	Opening Day
7 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	8	9	10 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	11	12 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	13 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
14 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	15	16	17 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	18	Spring Fashion Lunch	20 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	22	23	24 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE	25	26 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS	27 OPEN BAR AND BAR SNACKS
28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN	29	30	31 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE			

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September

- 1-2 G O'CONNELL
- 8-9 K RINDFLEISH
- 15-16 S WARNER
- 22-23 A PRZYBYSZ
- 29-30 J ZAMMIT

October

- 6-7 P DOHERTY
- 13-14 T LAWLESS
- 20-21 L LANDOLFATTO
- 27-28 P SKENE