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# 2020



**It's a New Year  
and we're off with  
a bang!**

# Club News

A warm welcome to our new Club members.



Pauline Carne



Michael Cockcroft



Malcolm Daubney



Jeff Giddings



Carole Gilbert



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John Mulder



Deb Ramsey



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Peter Villani



Nick Warren

**Club By-Law  
of the Month**

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## EDITOR'S NOTE



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## From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

Where do I start? This report needs to be as precise as I can make it as there are so many people to thank for what has been one of the most momentous weekends in the club's history. Our agenda was ambitious and more than a few members cautioned that we might be biting off more than a chewable amount. However the Committee recognised the opportunity the Williamstown Seaport Festival presented and we wanted to make each day of that week end a showcase for the RVMYC.

We started off with Babba on Friday night. This was the first time the club had used Eventbrite as a ticket vendor and it proved to be a great success. In excess of 260 people booked for the night and the mix was approximately 50/50 members and non-members. We ensured we were well staffed both in the Member's Bar & Dining Room and the function bar down stairs, so there were no long waits for meals or drinks in any of those areas. Members co-operation was greatly appreciated by booking for their meals in the Member's Dining Room, which made organisation much more manageable. By the time the show started the crowd was well prepared for a great night and a great night was certainly had by all. The Babba show was absolutely fabulous with them playing well over their designated times for both parts of the show. Many Members stayed afterwards to enjoy post show drinks in the Member's Bar.

Saturday was busy with many members of the public taking the opportunity to inspect all the clubs that were open for the Festival. Kathie and her Membership team organised spruikers at the front gate and guides inside the club to ensure everyone knew what we have to offer. Games were set up on the lawn and there was a brisk trade in the Bar and Bistro. On Saturday night, just over 60 people sat down in the Member's Dining Room for a

very special night being our Leap Year Dinner, a four course meal with accompanying fine wines prepared and very entertainingly presented by Guest celebrity Chef Adrian Richardson. From canape's to dessert, each course was a culinary treat and the wines, some of which I would not ordinarily drink, were absolutely delightful (I even went back for more of the Sangiovese!). Again Members enjoyed the Member's Bar after the event for a few more early morning after dinner drinks.

Sunday was another Open day and we organised Music on the Balcony. Barring an unfortunate incident with a flying umbrella and a small medical problem, the day was a lot of fun and also extremely busy as we also held the annual Lonsdale Cup which is sponsored by the Navy League and was won by Cameron & Bridget Simpson. We also had the honour of hosting Commodore Greg Yorke (RAN) and his wife Pam and the Commanding Officers of HMAS Canberra, HMAS Hobart, HMAS Sirius, HMAS Farncombe & STS Young Endeavour, who all enjoyed the day and expressed their appreciation of the hospitality we extended to them. The club received two ships shields and one medallion in recognition and our thanks go to Graeme Furlonger for liaising between the Navy League and the club thus ensuring the event's success.

You will have also noticed that the office was open over the weekend which showed a welcoming and helpful face for the club to Members and public alike and proved to be most beneficial on Sunday in particular.

Whilst it is always dangerous to thank individuals where team efforts are concerned, there are more than a few that merit special mention. Thank you to Alison Miles, Steve Warner, Terry Lawless and Sam Cutajar for their assistance in

setting up the room for the Babba night. Thank you to Kathie Rindfleish and her Membership Team for manning the gates and other positions, you were all magnificent Ambassadors for the club. Thank you to our wonderful staff both in the office and upstairs in the Bar and Bistro, you are all a credit to the club and your energy and commitment is always inspirational and deeply appreciated. Thank you also to Adrian Richardson and his more than able right hand woman, the lovely Lynda Horton, who went above and beyond the call of duty by providing invaluable assistance not just for the Leap Year Dinner but on the Babba night as well. Thanks to our inaugural volunteer member bar staffers in Lynne Skene and Simone Kaye and a very important thank you to our very own Florence Nightingales in Kaylene Evers and the amazing Elizabeth, who both proved to be very cool in crises. I would also like to thank my beautiful wife and her Mariners Team who were across all of the above. Melinda is truly the brains of the family!!

Finally thank you to our Committee who were brave enough to embark on this endeavour, I think we demonstrated a glimpse of what our club is capable of and we look forward to more exciting exploits in the future.

Remember whether on land or on water, stay safe and have fun.

Paul F Doherty  
RVMYC Commodore

## BABBA in concert at the RVMYC Friday 28th February



As part of the Williamstown Seaport Festival, the RVMYC were lucky enough to have secured BABBA to perform in concert. Tickets sold quickly, and over 250 Dancing Queens (and Kings) put on their dancing shoes and warmed up their vocal chords to prepare for a night of walking down memory lane.

Young and old sang in unison to all the old favourites, together the old generation along with the new generation who most likely have been introduced to ABBA through the hit movie Mamma Mia.

It was a fabulously entertaining night and we hope to do it all again next year!!

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A crowd selfie w BABBA



Members of the RVMYC



What a magnificent crowd!



Ron Grimble



Jane Jensen

## Christmas aboard "Balboa Star"

Story by Frank Wilkes

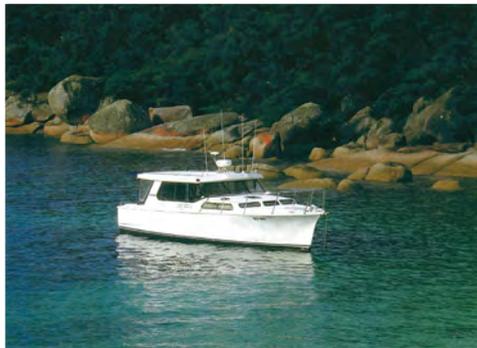
We departed RVMYC at 0730 on the 27th Dec after spending Christmas Day with Tony and Lorraine's families. We put in 600litres of fuel at Wyndham Harbour, not exactly sure where we were heading but Apollo Bay and Christmas and New Year Islands were given some thought. On listening to the weather we turned east and by 1800 hours we were anchored about 3 miles north of San Remo in Westernport Bay as the forecast said easterlies overnight. BBQ tea with Steve's Spuds and hit the hay.

On Saturday 28th at 0200 we were rolling our a\*\*e off as a nor-west had sprung up at 20knots and backing the flood tide so we up anchored and went down under the San Remo bridge before dropping the pick in Clelands Bight. All too soon the alarm went off at 0500 and we were away on the ebb at 12knots – hang on to your hats!! Later we passed a small Trimoran also heading East. The wind was weird backing from North for 30 minutes and then southerly for



Great Glennie Island

about 30mins sat on about 9 knots and by 0930 were ahead of Cape Liptrap. It was a flat calm crossing Waratah Bay and we tied up behind Great Glennie Island by lunchtime. Later that night just on dusk a little Trimaran came slowly along doing about 3knots with their outboard looking for a place to anchor as it's very deep.



Beautiful clear water in Deep Rocky Cove

I waved them in and they were relieved when I said they could be up alongside, and were on their way to Port Albert.

Very nice people and we enjoyed a pleasant evening watching the Cape Barren geese and the Booby birds coming in to roost. At 0200 hours in the morning a great banging on the side of the boat so we shot out of bed to find a 26foot boat alongside. They had gone to bed and woken up on the rocks as they had lost their anchor. At a loss to know what to do they saw our lights and so had come and asked if they could stay alongside. So much for going away for a private and peaceful time, we were now three!

Next morning they left and managed to dive and retrieve their anchor and chain but came back to see if I could give them a shackle to re-attach the chain to their rope. They gave us three big flathead for our hospitality. Bacon and eggs and potato for breakfast and away to Wattle Island and southeast Cape. Passed our friends enroute not going anywhere fast. Poked our nose into Refuge Cove but decided to head on up to Port Welshpool for a counter tea as the weather was going to pack it in late the next day. We went We went via the Fisherman's Channel and ran into shallow water in one gutter so altered course as the water is very clear and the swell was breaking on the banks. About 2100 hours the change arrived at 40knots for us on anchor watch. A boat hit us so I shortened up a bit but he took off along with most of the boats including a 55ft motor sailer whose anchor winch had blown up and they couldn't lift their anchor.

It's a Yamaha outboard not another seagull!



Most of our near neighbours also took off so about 5 of us stayed and the rest were dragging and motoring around until daylight. Some of the big flash boats were trying to get their bearings from



Drinks on the beach at Rocky Bay

the flybridge and looking through recycled plastic bags because the driving rain is going horizontal and they can't have the front rolled up unless they have wet weather gear on and their plotters so bright they are blinded. They can't look out to see all the other boats motoring around blind also. Lots of runabouts returning to Port Welshpool because of the forecast. We berthed and headed to the pub across the road. Had an ale or two and a very nice meal before retiring. Next morning we got milk and bread and supplies for the boats in Refuge Cove before casting off and heading

back down the Prom. Anchored next to our new friends on the Trimaran and transferred supplies to grateful people. We went and caught some nice fish for tea. There was about 10

yachts and six motor boats in the Cove. So, you see we didn't get any sleep either because of all the goings on. Not that I'm biased at all. Flybridges should be for flys to walk across wrapped in gladwrap!! This blow only lasted about 35 hours until it eased a bit and a calm

descended on the Cove with people catching up on sleep, bailing out dinghys, getting huge clumps of weed off anchors and moving back to where they were originally anchored. From only a couple of us for Sundowners on the beach, slowly more and more came ashore until we had a fair representation of boaties and ycahties with lots of stories.

0500 time to go and we pushed a 2knot flow around the south east cape and up through the wattles. Had breakfast whilst in the lie of the Glenners and pretty roly polly

early to bed for a 0400 start to get the slack of the Heads because of the 3-4m swells. Went into Queenscliff, talked to Simon and had a look at all the yachts rafted at QCYC before heading out and up Coles Channel. Passed Marco and Ana and Rick and Kristi who were heading to Queenscliff. Berthed at Portarlington. Gary Rigby and Jack came around in the Stahicraft from Clifton Springs to say hello . David and Lauren also arrived. Went to Woolies and bought a few supplies. Next day after Bacon and eggs, said



Feeding the pelicans at San Remo

goodbye to David and Lauren and headed for home in sunshine and light easterly. Eight days away for a great short little cruise on Balboa Star and a fair way from most of the other RVMYC boats (except Wistari Serenity and Sanuk!)

Cheers Frank

around Liptrap. We arrived at Cape Woolamai and were at San Remo in time to see the feeding of the pelicans. Good tea at the pub and



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# Adrian Richardson Leap Year

Saturday 29th February





# A trip of a Lifetime

## with John & Margaret Burgess

We often dream of these occasions, but never know exactly if that dream is going to be as great as we hope. Well in this instance it was. John and Margaret booked in for an African safari trip of a lifetime, and that dream was soon to become a reality.



We started our trip in Johannesburg where we stayed for a couple nights. Whilst here we township of Soweto and the home where Nelson Mandela had lived with his wife Winnie.



Pretoria - Nelson Mandela house

We soon left Zimbabwe to go back to Johannesburg where our accommodation at the Ivory Tree Lodge awaited us, and we went on an amazing safari, sighting the

big 5! Some were so close we could smell their breath!

While in Johannesburg, we took a trip to Pretoria and a short while later boarded the Blue Train to Cape Town, where we spent an amazing five days on a tour.

Soon after it was time to embark on the magnificent Queen Elizabeth cruise to Reunion Island, also taking in Mauritius. The beauty of these locations was beyond belief.

We managed to visit a volcano in Mauritius, and the fabulous botanical gardens where they met the daughter of the authors of a book about the Gardens of Mauritius. We were lucky enough on the Queen Elizabeth cruise to be invited to dine with the male Captain.

It was a joyous affair with the captain telling some amazing stories about the various destinations she had travelled in her time.



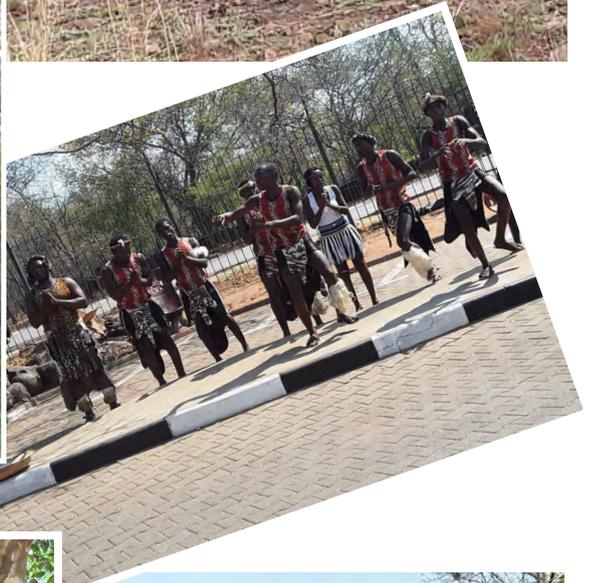
Along the way, we made some amazing friendships with fellow Australians on the tour, and we have already organised a re-union in March!



Victoria Falls



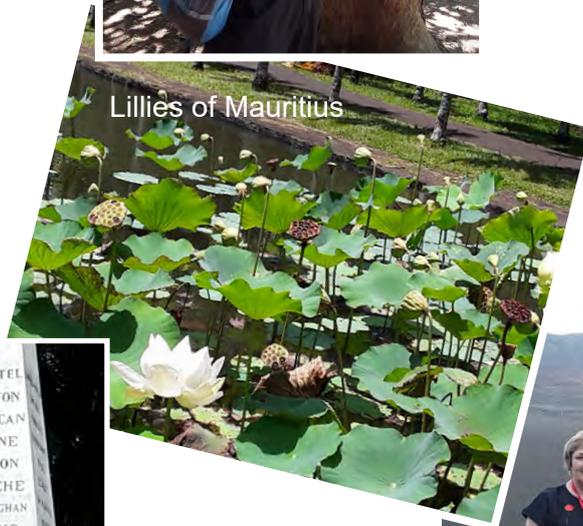
Livingstone Lodge



Queen Elizabeth



Lillies of Mauritius



Volcano in Mauritius



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### Williamstown Seaport Festival Open Day Sunday 1st March



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Ron Grimble & Jane Jensen tie the knot at the RVMYC



# Portarlington Weekend

Saturday 12th January

Only three boats attended: Ranui, Balboa Star and Villasea. Friday dawned calm and humid so it was an early start to beat the 30kt sou-west change due about midday. We backed into pensto face the chagne which arrived with a vengeance by turning cold and pouring with rain. Daryl arrived and we have him a hand to berth. Had sausages, tomatoes and Steve's special spuds

aboard Villasea and couple drinks of course for tea! We were a bit slow the next day, but finally went to the mussel festival and bought some items at the stall that we

really didn't need. The pub called so we had to go and smple their wares. We learnt that there are 300 ways to cook mussels but the old fashioned way - steamed with a beer is the best. The ferry was booked out each trip and the old Port was swamped with people. Sunday dawned bright and we had a good run back to the RVMYC.



Villasea on the club cruise to the Mussel Festival in Portarlington.




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# Lonsdale Cup

Sunday 1st March

**1st Place** - Cameron Simpson and Bridget Sebire

**2nd Place** - Owen Smart and Sandy Ellul

**3rd Place** - Mark and Kathie Rindfleish

Thank you Commodore Greg Yorke, Roger Blythman, Graeme Furlonger & the Navy League





# Diary update & classifieds



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- 05/02/20 \$1350 Bob Battye NIA
  - 12/02/20 \$1400 Sarah Chibnall NIA
  - 19/02/20 \$1450 Kevin Ezard NIA
  - 26/02/20 \$1500 Wayne Sweeney NIA
  - 04/03/20 \$1550 Joanne Clarke NIA
- Members Draw 7pm Wednesdays.**  
**Don't miss your chance to win!**

### MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS

Wednesday - Bar open 5pm. Bistro open 6.00pm  
Members Draw 7pm

Friday - Bar open 5pm. Happy Hour 5.30-7.30pm  
 Bistro open 6.00pm.

Saturday - Bar open 12pm. Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm

Sunday - Bar open 12pm. Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm.

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 \$100.70; 1 year licence \$37.20; 28 day licence \$21.20; 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**

## Calendar of Events

### March

- Sunday 15th - Williamstown Cup Handicap
- Wednesday 18th - QGM
- Sunday 22nd - Whalley Cup
- Sunday 29th - Isle of Mordialloc

### April

- Friday 10th - Good Friday Office Closed
- Monday 13th - Easter Monday Office Closed
- Sunday 19th - RVMYC Regatta Cup
- Sunday 26th - Marconi Cup

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEDNESDAY WRAP, FACEBOOK & RVMYC WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**

## Duty Officers

### March

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

### April

- 4-5 J BORG
- 11-12 A PRZBYSZ
- 18-19 P DOHERTY
- 25-26 LANDOLFATTO

MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW &amp; RAFFLE</small>	5	Fridays: Happy Hour 5.30pm-7.30pm & Cruise Draw	7 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>
8 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>	9	10	11 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW &amp; RAFFLE</small>	12		14 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>
15 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>	16	17	QGM	19		21 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>
22 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>	23	24	25 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW &amp; RAFFLE</small>	26		28 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>
29 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>	30	31				

APRIL						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW &amp; RAFFLE</small>	2	3 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>	4 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>
5 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN</small>	6	7	8 <small>BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW &amp; RAFFLE</small>	9	Good Friday	Easter Saturday
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