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View from the Terrace



Adieu Alison and Greg

*Back in
business
at the*



Centenary Trophy Prizes

RVMYC



Simone assisting in the Bar



Open Day 2021



Open Day 2021

Club News

A warm welcome to the Club.

Club Manager

The Committee is pleased to introduce Kierran Batchelor.

Kierran brings to the club some 13 years of hospitality industry experience and has a terrific resume which includes several large F & B companies located in both the CBD and suburbs. Kierran has also completed a degree in Wine and has a keen interest in beverage and food and enjoys passing this knowledge on to staff and members alike.

If you would like to chat to Kierran about your next function at the Royal Victoria Motor Yacht Club, please send an email to: kierran@rvmvc.com.au



Michael Dudley



Vicki Dudley



Paul Duggan



Robin Fernandes



Celine Cassar



Barb Green



Joshua Russo



Pamela Sutton-Legaud



Terry Sully



Ryan Ala



Sharon Tagg



Kate Vanson



Ken Watkin

Changes at the Club

Clubhouse access for members using fobs has been re-instated.

The BBQ area has reverted back to standard booking procedures.



RICHO'S

Mother's Day

FEAST

4 course sharing Feast: \$85 members, \$95 non-members, includes Prosecco on arrival and a treat to take home for Mum

SUNDAY 9 MAY

Let Adrian Richardson show how much you love Mum with his sumptuous family feast.

Details and bookings www.rvmvc.com.au






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.

Ann Przybysz: shezgame24@gmail.com

ADVERTISING RATES

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From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

After watching the football last Saturday night and seeing the MCG packed with supporters as well as experiencing the current feeling around the club, one hopes that we are now past the worst of COVID-19 and dare I say back to a normal that whilst may not be as it was pre-pandemic, is one that is far preferable to the lock down scenario we all endured last year.

To that end I am pleased to advise that the Clubhouse is now accessible to all Members and that your fobs have been re-activated accordingly. Similarly the BBQ area no longer requires to be booked and sanitised and reverts back to our standard booking procedure.

The Boating Sub Committee has been busy and able to stage several Nav Rallies and as has become customary on the week end of the Lonsdale Cup, which is sponsored and attended by the Navy League along with the

Commander and crew of HMAS Melville. Then on the weekend of the Marconi Cup, the Melville's sister ship HMAS Leeuwin was in port and we welcomed its company also. Thanks to long time member Graeme Furlonger for co-ordinating these visits. I'd also like to thank the sponsors of the Nav Rallies for staying the course. Their support enables us to continue with some of our most historical events and is very much appreciated.

You may have noticed some holes being dug and various markings around the boat yard. They are of an exploratory nature to confirm the presence of services. Once confirmed we intend to press ahead with our plans to separate the car park and boat yard as a priority. Thanks to the members who have lent their expertise thus far, full acknowledgement of their contribution will be provided at the end of the project.

Two upcoming events I encourage you to attend are our Mother's Day

Lunch which is being catered by our friends at La Luna, so judging on past performances will be as good as ever. Be sure to book early to ensure your spot. The second event is our Gala Awards Night which will be held on the 5th June. Always a good excuse for the beautiful Ladies of the RVMYC to get frocked up and us Gents to don our dinner suits. The Gala Awards Night promises to be a fantastic evening of awards, good food and music and I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you there!!

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

Paul F Doherty
Commodore

Club By-Law of the Month

21. Members are requested to use their best endeavours to secure the observance of all rules and By-Laws, and to report any breach thereof to the Committee.

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Home Workshop Stories No 3.

By John Marks

During the 1950's, the Marks family lived in a boatshed on the Esplanade at Williamstown. My father conducted a hire-boat service, and there were wooden boats to repair and maintain. Dad was not a tradesman or boatbuilder, but he always had someone around who could cut timber and repair a boat; one of ours, or perhaps that of a private owner who stored their boat at the shed or on a mooring in Hobsons Bay. (There were no trailer boats then.)

One day around 1955 a new wood-working machine arrived at the shed. It was an "Ezy-Cut" combination saw bench and buzz planer, Australian made by Atom Distributors; not a big unit, but heavy enough to process the timber needed for small and medium sized boat repairs.

Having more recently added a bandsaw and lathe to the home workshop, the idea occurred to find a saw bench, as there is a fair amount of good timber in the shed, and the ability to saw on a floor-standing machine is a quantum leap from using hand held tools.

A quick look on Ebay revealed for sale in Wendouree, an identical unit to dad's Ezy-Cut, its metallic silver- blue paint faded, but still very recognizable in a nostalgic sense.

The starting price: \$50, with no one yet bidding. I placed a \$150 bid and sat back. Soon the punters were on it, and the bids rose with regularity, the \$150 bid quickly eclipsed.

With 66 years of nostalgia pumping, I set up a bid of \$350, to be placed 5 seconds before the close of the auction. Yeeees, success at \$336, a well-constructed move. Probably a little too much for an old machine, which was part of a deceased estate, but there are no similar units on the



market now, all you see are little bench-top hobby machines with power tool names like Ryobi and Makita.

Steve had placed the listing from his home in South Australia, and made his way to Wendouree near Ballarat to meet me. "It's very heavy, and I'm recovering from broken ribs, so I

won't be much help", Steve advised. Step-son Chenny gracefully declined a ride to Ballarat, so it was up to me and the Rodeo ute.

It must have been many years since Steve's dad did a bit of cutting and planing, and the Ezy-Cut looked complete but neglected, its machined surfaces coated with light rust. After a solid day's work, it was cleaned, lubricated, assembled and adjusted. Now the electrics needed attention. The rubber insulation in the cables had perished, and shorted with a spark and a bang at the first trial. Some heavier flex and a new terminal box, complete with cable glands, made for a workman-like installation.

To finish the job, a surplus Australia Post letter-sorting box was mounted on angle-iron rails and now holds the accessories; the angle-iron was left over from my windmill project. The new bits required amounted to only about \$10.

It's amazing what can be found in my shed! Next, a thicknesser would be nice.

Back to Ebay?

An Adventure North

Greg and Alison Miles have taken some time out to venture North in their boat First Lady. With a big send-off by some of our members, they were on the way. On their journey thus far, they have already encountered a trio of escorts. We are sure there will be plenty more photos and tales to come!



TackTracker

Article by Cameron Simpson

While the playback of each race on TackTracker before the results are announced is always enjoyable, there is also a free desktop version of TackTracker that can provide more insight which I use to review our performance after each race.

What I tend to focus on is:

- Our course sailed relative to the plotted course;
- Point score at each check (highlight one boat at a time from the panel at left bottom);
- Compare the points scored with the actual times to determine whether we were either early or late by selecting the "Nav Rally Results" tab and scrolling through the checks.
- The shape and accuracy of our turns.

Want to try?

- Simply search for Tacktracker or follow this link(<https://tacktracker.com/web/download>) and select your preferred operating system.
- Once installed, click "Continue".
- Move from the "Regattas" to the "Homes" tab and scroll down to find one of our races (you will see a familiar name or our logo) and click "View".
- You will see the course and the trails of the various competitors.
- There are lots of things you can do at this point, but try this:
 - o Select your boat by deselecting others in the left-hand bottom panel;
 - o Find the coloured boat icon at the bottom of the chart. It sits on a scale that looks like a ruler - the numbers represent each turn. Left click and slide the coloured boat icon along the bottom of the chart. You can quickly see your boat's course and point score (black numbers) at each check.
 - o Compare your boat's position relative to the course.
 - o Try adding other boats or the whole fleet and compare.

Hours of virtual boating fun – especially in winter or during lockdowns!



Lookout for more articles by Cameron Simpson in the Wednesday Wrap

Get your boat fit for 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.

But did you check the oil, transmission or hydraulic fluid...did you book that service?

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The Super Yacht

by Greg Miles

Last month Alison and Greg Miles took "First Lady" to meet "Lady E" a super-sized yacht anchored off in Brighton.

The superyacht is full luxury with jetskis and seabobs, an aquapark, a water slide and hoverboards.

Lady E measures 74.50 metres in length and has a steel hull with an aluminium superstructure.

Lady E has a top speed of 17.00 knots and a cruising speed of 13.00 knots. with a range of 5,500 nautical miles, and can accommodate up to 12 guests in 6

cabins. She also houses room for up to 22 crew members.

It comes complete with a cinema, gymnasium, beauty salon, as well as indoor and outdoor dining areas, and is available for charter at a reasonable cost of just over \$780,000 per week!



Lonsdale Cup Nav Rally

The Lonsdale Cup NavRally was held on Sunday 7th March. This particular NavRally is sponsored by the Navy League.

This year we were honoured to have Commander Kumpis and Crew from the HMAS Melville join us at the RVMYC. Commander Michael Kumpis, RAN was raised in Werribee, Victoria and joined the Royal Australian Navy in July 2000 as a Midshipman at the Royal Australian Naval College, HMAS

Creswell. The commanding ship, HMAS Melville is named after Melville



Island, just to the north of Darwin, and it's main focus is to enable the Australian Hydrographic

Service to gather high quality hydrographic information.

A big thank you to Graeme Furlonger who plays an integral part in this NavRally/

Our place-getters were:

- 1st:** Bold Venture
Skipper: Cameron Simpson
Navigator: Will Simpson
- 2nd:** Pookanah
Skipper: Owen Smart
Navigator: Sandy Ellul
- 3rd:** Raphael
Skipper: Paul Doherty
Navigator: Phil Taylor



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

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

To view the weekly Bistro menu, visit the RVMYC website

Members Draw!

Wednesdays at 7pm

- 3rd March - **Rod Geard Winner**
- 10th March - **Michael Stahmer NIA**
- 17th March - **Giana Cortese NIA**
- 24th March - **Mark O'Kane NIA**
- 31st March - **Terry Lawless NIA**
- 7th April - **David Miller NIA**
- 14th April - **John Holland NIA**
- 21st April - **Sam Cutajar Winner**
- 28th April - **Lisa Carrodus NIA**

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 contact the office or see Terri at the bar. Members can use their accounts to pay.

NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence

Calendar of Events

MAY

- Sunday 2nd - Centenary Trophy
- Sunday 9th - Mother's Day Lunch

JUNE

- Saturday 5th - Gala Awards Night
- Monday 14th - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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

Duty Officers

May

- 1-2 S Warner
- 8-9 P Skene
- 15-16 G O'Connell
- 22-23 K Rindfleish

June - TBC

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Bar & Bistro Open
Centenary Trophy NavRally	3	4	Bar & Bistro Open	6	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Mother's Day	10	11	Bar & Bistro Open	13	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	17	18	Bar & Bistro Open	20	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	24	25	Bar & Bistro Open	27	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	31					

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	Bar & Bistro Open	3	Bar & Bistro Open	Gala Awards Night
Bar & Bistro Open	7	8	Bar & Bistro Open	10	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open		5	Bar & Bistro Open	17	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	21	22	Bar & Bistro Open	24	Bar & Bistro Open	Bar & Bistro Open
Bar & Bistro Open	28	29	Bar & Bistro Open			