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A Beery Celebration

The Belgian Beer & Dining experience was held at the RVMYC on Friday 5th August.

The event was hosted by Jason from Heron Beverages, and gave members an opportunity to sample a range of Belgian beers. The beers were well received, and it will be no surprise if we see some of these beers added to the range in the bar this Summer. The cherry flavoured Kriek Boon was a great sweet and sour beer that was quite refreshing, almost like a cider and looked stunning in the glass with its cherry hue.

The menu on offer for this special evening consisted of a traditional Dutch croquette - bitterballen, Filet Americain, moules frites, Carbonnade Flamande and finished off with a heart-warming spiced apple strudel. The beers were perfectly matched, and the food accompaniment was divine. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.



Club News

A warm welcome to the Club.



Michael Bosanko



Amanda Curtis



Ross Fortuna



Michael Giusti



Andrew Fawcett



Allen Nosworthy



Miriam Rocks

Join us Thursday evenings from 5pm in the Members Bar for Parma & Pot night. At only \$20 it's too good to miss!



NAV RALLY & TIME TRIAL TRAINING DAY

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022

10am – 1pm

Expression of interest called for members wanting to participate in a training day to build their confidence for the upcoming boating season learning all the ins and outs of Nav Rally's & Time Trial runs.

How: Participants will be guided on their vessel by experienced members for a few hours going through all the motions, learning about what to do, what to look out for and consider helping build confidence to join in the upcoming boating season of events.

Please forward your interest via the office by 31st August so that planning can be finalised for a great day out on the water!

NOTE: ONCE WE HAVE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WANTING TO PARTICIPATE & HOW MANY BOATS WILL GO OUT, WE WILL PUT A CALL OUT FOR OUR MORE EXPERIENCED MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO GO OUT AND MENTOR ON THE DAY.

Training will be followed by a Member's Day on the balcony with food, drinks and music!

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From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

The new Committee started swiftly out of the blocks to set up a new framework of Sub-Committees to assist the main Committee in new ventures and decision making going forward.

Each sub-committee Chair has been provided with a new template which gives guidance and structure in the recording of Minutes and Committee decisions moving forward. This will hopefully provide continuity and transparency from one Committee to another, improve open lines of communication and streamline proposals put to Committee for consideration.

May I take this opportunity to thank the members who are continuing to assist in Sub-Committees as well as the new ones who have stepped up to make a difference, which is greatly appreciated.

With the appointment of Kierran, some responsibilities of the Hospitality Committee have changed. So, a request was made to the Committee to align the Mariner and Hospitality Committees and as a result, the Hospitality Sub-Committee has been re-named as the Social & Hospitality Committee and will add to its current brief,

the organisation of regular Member and Club events throughout the year. In turn, the previously named, Mariner's Sub-Committee has been re-named as the Events Committee and will focus on assisting with larger historical and traditional Club functions such as Opening Day, the Gala Evening, Spring Lunch and the Christmas Party, as well as any future larger Club events.

As most of you are aware, our Chef, Gabe has unfortunately left the Club to pursue passions within the music industry. We thank him for his fantastic contribution and wish him all the very best in his future endeavours. Hopefully, he can continue to assist the Club with different events in the future on an hoc basis.

The Committee undertook a thorough process to find a replacement for Gabe and I am pleased to announce our new Chef, Petar Mardesic. Petar came to us highly recommended and amongst other Head and Executive Chef roles, Petar previously worked as the Head Chef at Santorini in Williamstown. He is experienced in a wide variety of cuisines including Italian, French and Thai and will work with the Committee to ensure a gold standard service is provided to members.

When next in the Club Yard, you will see the welcome addition of a new washing machine and dryer in the toilet area, which can be utilised by all members and will no doubt, be a welcomed convenience to the yard.

Finally, I am pleased to advise that the Marina Sub-Committee has conducted a review of the marina and has now prepared a Marina Condition Report, details of which will be provided at the next Quarterly Meeting. On that note, we would like to thank Harry Varelas and his team for assisting the Marina and Works Sub-Committees in the replacement of timber treads along the northern and southern marinas to ensure the ongoing safety for our members.

Safe boating everyone.

Regards
Simon Mills
Commodore

Hogans Heroes: Pelican Cruise 2022 Part 3 *Story by John Marks*

The crew were disappointed at our poor result fishing and Peter's absence through an unfortunate injury, however the cruise had worked out well otherwise. The weather had been predictable, typical autumn patterns, with the odd blow for a day or two followed by decent ocean conditions. Although having cruised Bass Strait on many occasions, the island group Hogans was still a mystery. We had visited Deal, Flinders, Cape Barren, Clarke, and King Islands, and a fair bit of Tasmania including an almost complete circumnavigation on our first venture in 2011. With a bit of luck, the three remaining lads (Alan Jobson had driven home from Bermagui by road) could make a landfall in the Hogan Group.



Hogan Island

Departing Bermagui early April, we made a short dash to Eden, finding a vacant spot on the old Jetty. The port and town have a neglected feel, but some effort to change this is well and truly evident. Eden is in the federal electorate of Eden-Monaro, one of Australia's most marginal seats. Evidence of fresh money being spent was everywhere. The harbour is full of gigantic equipment which is being used

to construct a cruise ship facility. As well, the old fisherman's co-op. and club premises has been demolished in favour of a large modern accommodation and entertainment facility. An extensive re-paved walkway with polished stainless steel railing takes you along the scenic ocean-front route. Visitors can enjoy two museums conducted in classic buildings.



Equipment Shed Gabo Island

Next stop was Gabo Island. Also anchored there for the night was VP 09, a large twin-hull police vessel, home port Paynesville. Earlier in the day we were "pulled over" by VP 09 right out in the middle of "the paddock". (Just a safety gear check). Too close for VHF radio, we shouted and held up signs and safety items, after declining to come alongside. In the absence of signage precluding a trip ashore, we took the Zodiac over to the small jetty. A ramble around the island including a close inspection of the tall lighthouse and the magnificent keeper's quarters in locally sourced "pink" granite was well worth the effort. The quarters now house caretakers and well-heeled visitors, all sponsored by

Parks Victoria. Anchoring at Gabo is surprisingly good, as the ever-present ocean swells don't make it into the shallow area to the west. Just don't be there in strong sou'westerly winds.



Pink Graphite Lighthouse on Gabo Island

Away next morning in pleasant conditions, the 24hour overnight run had Pelican at anchor in a scenic bay on the east side of the main (Hogan) Island. The group consists of seven islands and sundry rocks. At the north of our bay, a tiny corner allowed a dinghy landing on a sandy beach, adjacent to the primitive accommodation hut. Ringbolts set in the rocks indicate a tight haven for say a 10metre boat, but we were not prepared to try Pelican there, with minimal available depth.



The accommodation hut is locked to keep the cows out, but a quick inspection revealed most of the items you would need for a few days camped there.

The Climb



By now a fresh westerly was blowing, so the trek to the top of the hill wading through thick undergrowth was very bracing. A light and some communication equipment is caged against two

and four-legged wildlife. Here we achieved phone range which is relayed through Tidal River on the Prom, and a magnificent view of Bass Strait.

The Rest, after the Climb



The westerly blew out after a day or two, so we set a bee-line course to Port Phillip.

A full-sized container ship appeared to cross our bow from port, but we reckoned that we should pass astern of it okay. Its progress was slower than expected, but we left Pelican on auto pilot. It would be a

close thing, but the boys were in a gambling mood. Finally we passed astern of the ship very close, and we were not sure if it actually changed course, although we could not see any faces in the bridge windows.

Danger Danger



The rest of the 25 hour leg home was relatively incident-free, and we docked at Wyndham Harbour at 6:30am after transiting the Heads in darkness, pushed along by a raging flood tide.

Until next time.

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RVMYCHAT!

with Ben Koutoukidis

Ben has been a member of the RVMYC for a few years and is currently our Rear Commodore. Ben and his wife Leanne have 2 children, Olivia 21, almost finished Paramedic training & Nicholas who is in Year 12 & hopes to join the family business, Total Underground Solutions. The business owned by Ben & Leanne was started 27yrs ago, providing directional drilling, non-destructive digging & open cut trenching for communication companies, councils & water authorities.



What's your connection to RVMYC and Williamstown?

I was invited to visit the RVMYC by Simon Mills many years ago, maybe 10? At the time I was heavily involved in fishing clubs. When I visited the Club and Williamstown, I saw some of the old historical parts and how beautiful it was. At that time, the old Clubhouse had been demolished and our visit was in the portables. Mark Rindfleish inducted me and I haven't looked back since. I love the people and we have the best view in Melbourne. I had no idea of the amount of history around marine areas in Williamstown. We now have a boat here and call it our 'Williamstown Apartment'.

What do you like most about the club? Love the new Clubhouse and all of a sudden we have a whole lot of new friends with different skills, interests and abilities than our long time friends. Meeting these people, being close to the water and the new friendships - it's grouse!!

How, and why did you become involved in boating?

Fishing - we used to holiday in Rosebud and hire boats with dad. We always caught flatties. Nobody wanted them in those days. Mum and dad used to say they were the best eating fish. Fishing continued to be my interest and I became very involved in the Victorian Game Fishing Association. As I got older it was not just bay fishing, it was Tuna, Marlin and Kingfish. We did a few trips to Bermagui too. I just feel right at home in the water.

What's been your most unusual/unique experience?

Well, this is a boating story but very unusual. Leanne and I used to import boats from Qingdao, China - 7metre centre console fishing boats. It was a sideline to our main business. We had to continue to pay our mortgage from profits of Total Underground Solutions or borrow a heap of money to continue with the boats. Our kids were young so we had to make a choice. I visited our supplier in Qingdao and they invited me to come to a boat show. All of a sudden I was surrounded by a whole lot of Government officials. I was the special guest for the whole conference. Representing Australia, I had to get up and address a couple of thousand people and talk about how Australia and China are building boats together. It was a bizarre experience. At the conference, they even had a fountain with three adult seals swimming around!

Favourite Restaurant "Anywhere" - yes, anywhere. Sapa Hills, Footscray - Vietnamese. We've been to many fancy restaurants in places like New York, France, Michelin 2 stars etc. but Sapa Hills it is - I just like their food.

Tell me something about yourself

that people might not be aware of..

I played for Carlton before Anthony Koutoufidis. It was in the Little League (laughs). Captain at age 11, from memory. I actually met Anthony through a mate and told him I was the original "Kouta" at Carlton. He says "you don't look like a Koutoufidis". I even had to show him my licence to prove I was a Kouta!



Favourite holiday destination?

Robe, South Australia. I have been going there every Summer holidays for 20+ years with Leanne and the kids. It's beautiful. We take the fishing boat and our sand dune buggy to drive along the beach.

High Seas, Bay, River or Lake?

Ocean fishing and bay fishing as well as cruising on the big boat. Our other boat we recently bought, a 58 footer is at Paynesville having some work done. We intend to leave it there for a while and explore the Gippsland Lakes before bringing it to the club.

What motivates you?

That's a hard one. I reckon seeing really good results - I'm very much a results driven person. In life we all have the opportunity to pull levers, whether in relationships or business or life in general. You like to see the good results from pulling the right levers. In our business, we are very customer focused. When customers are happy - I'm happy. That's what motivates me but meeting and learning about new people also does.

Where's Whalley?



After a postponement due to inclement weather in May, the Whalley Cup Navrally was held on Saturday 2nd July.

Following the navrally, competitors headed back to the Members Bar to enjoy some grazing platters and a bit of banter while awaiting the results.

There were a number of competitors that participated in this

event, but ultimately there could only be one winner, and that was the Ackermans with James Moreno navigating. Coming in behind them was Phil Taylor with Skipper Karen Barclay, followed by the McCutcheons from Sandringham Yacht Club.

It was a great day for everyone out on the water and even more so once back on land!



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Wednesday - Bar open 5.00pm
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Thursday - Bar & Counter Meals open 5pm

Friday - Bar & Bistro open 12pm lunch
Bistro open 5.30pm dinner

Saturday - Bar open 12.00pm
Happy Hour 4-6pm
Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm
Bistro open 5.30pm dinner

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

- \$1300, 6th July - Jeffrey Cozens NIA
- \$1350, 13th July - Keith Jones NIA
- \$1400, 20th July - Angus Scott-Walker NIA
- \$1450, 27th July - Owen Smart NIA
- \$1500, 3rd August - Owen Smart NIA
- \$1550, 10th August - Lorna Mills NIA
- \$1600, 17 August - Michael Eustace NIA
- \$1650, 24th August - Adrian Butera
- \$1700 31st August - TBC

Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office or bar; 3 year licence \$103.95; 1 year licence \$38.40; 28 day licence \$21.85; 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

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 11th - Time Trial Training Day
- Sunday 11th - Members Day on the Balcony
- Saturday 17th - Docklands Overnight Stay
- Thurs 22nd - Mon 26th - South of Perth Yacht Club Trip
- Saturday 24th - AFL Grand Final

OCTOBER

- Saturday 1st - 119th Boating Season Opening Day
- Sunday 9th - Canning St Reserve Cruise & BBQ
- Saturday 15th - Time Trial

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

2022 SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Father's Day	5	6	Bar & Bistro Open from 5pm-9pm	Parma & Pot Counter Meals 5pm-10.30	Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30pm & Dinner 6-9pm	Bar/ Bistro Open lunch 12-2.30 Dinner 6-9pm
Time Trial Training & Members Day	12	13			Docklands Overnight Stay	
Bar & Bistro Open	19	20			Public holiday	Grand
Bar & Bistro Open	26	27			30	Final

2022 OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						119th Opening Day
Bar & Bistro Open	3	4	Bar & Bistro Open 5pm-9pm	Parma & Pot Counter Meals 5pm-10.30	Bar & Bistro Open for lunch 12-2.30 & Dinner 6-9pm	Bar/Bistro open lunch dinner
Canning St Cruise & BBQ	10	11			Time Trial	
Bar & Bistro Open Lunch 12-2.30	17	18			Bar & Bistro Open Lunch/ Dinner	
Bar 12 - 8pm	24	25				
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Duty Officers

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